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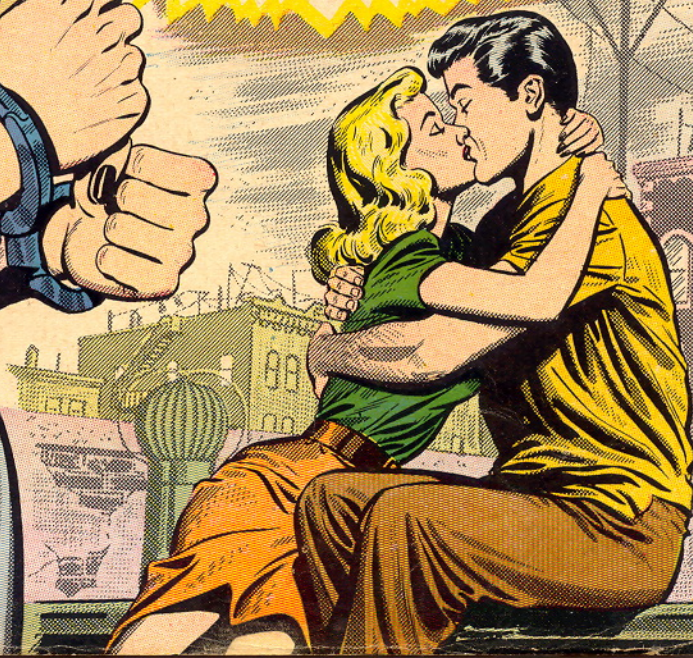
Romantic **ADVENTURES**

YOU DARE TALK
ABOUT **LOVE**...WITH
THE **KILLER'S BRAND** ON
YOU FOR ALL THE
WORLD TO SEE?



HAS A
MURDERESS A HEART?
READ THE BOMBSHELL ANSWER
in
**"JAILBIRD'S
ROMANCE"**

The MOST SENSATIONAL CONFESSION
OF OUTLAW LOVE EVER
PUBLISHED!





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UNIVERSE.COM

DON'T BE FAT!

NOW! REALLY GET **SLIM**
AS THOUSANDS DO!

NOW! — READ
HOW THOUSANDS ARE
LOSING FAT WHILE
ENJOYING CHEWING
GENUINE KAL-X GUM!

"Lost
45
pounds
Chewing
KAL-X
GUM!"

S. M.
Brooklyn, N. Y.

"NO
STARVING!
I have
plenty
to eat!"

E. B.
Pasadena,

CHEW KAL-X

\$1 ONLY
PLUS
C. O. D. OR
SEND \$1
AND
SAVE
POSTAGE

AND LOSE FAT
WITH TESTED PLAN!

(Patent Pending)

LOST 30 POUNDS!

J. H.
Weippe, Idaho

Your own experience may, of course, vary.

MOST PLEASANT
WAY TO REDUCE
I EVER TRIED!

E. S.
Jeffersonville, Ohio

LOST 20 POUNDS
ON FIRST BOX OF
KAL-X GUM

E. W.
New Britain, Conn.

Lost 60 Pounds
since chewing
KAL-X GUM!

V. S.
St. Louis, Mo.

IT REALLY DID
THE JOB! Was
almost ready to
give up!

A. G.
Portland, Oregon

Lost 23 Pounds!

G. M.
Belding, Mich.

Lost 34 Pounds!
Feel wonderful!

A. E.
Auburn, Ind.

**MIRACLE! — All my
friends think a miracle
happened to me!**

W. W.
Chicago, Ill.

MANY RELATIVES & FRIENDS
USED KAL-X GUM AND HAVE
WONDERFUL FIGURES!

A. W.
Junction City, Kansas

**"MY DOCTOR SAYS
KAL-X IS THE BEST!"**

D. D.
Gretna, La.



Read What
Thousands
Say!

LOST 30 POUNDS
ON FIRST BOX OF
KAL-X GUM
C. W. T.
Lima, Ohio

**DOCTORS
AGREE:**

That fat people
tend to die younger
and become easy
victims of many
diseases! Your doctor's
recommendation
and approval
is invited. If your
excess fat is not
due to glandular
or organic causes—
Don't Wait! Mail
Coupon Below To-
day! Don't miss
dating and good
times because
you're FAT! Try
KAL-X Tested Plan.

Satisfaction or
Money Back

**KAL-X
IS SAFE**

THIS NEW WAY OF
LOSING WEIGHT
IS SWELL!

L. C.
Mt. Carmel, Pa.

1. YOUR STOMACH GETS SMALLER
WHICH MAKES YOU EAT LESS!—
When you use the KAL-X GUM PLAN!



CHEW KAL-X GUM!

2. YOUR FIGURE THEN GETS SLIMMER!
When you use the KAL-X GUM PLAN!



CHEW KAL-X GUM!

3. NO TIRING EXERCISES! NO STARVATION DIET!
NO HARMFUL DRUGS!—
When you reduce the KAL-X way!



LOST 28 POUNDS
ON FIRST BOX OF
KAL-X GUM!

C. K.
Goodells, Mich.

I LOST FAT! ...
Now I want my
husband to
lose fat!

B. C.
Springfield, Ill.

**MAIL THIS COUPON
REALLY BEGIN TO LOSE FAT!**

**MAIL THIS
COUPON**

KAL-X GUM CO., Dept. 61-B
93 Montgomery St., Jersey City 2, N. J.
I WANT TO GET SLIM ALSO!

- ☐ Enclosed is \$1.00. Rush a 14 day box of KAL-X GUM to me.
- ☐ Enclosed is \$2.00. Rush a 28 day box of KAL-X GUM to me.
- ☐ Send C.O.D. I will pay postman when it comes \$1.00 plus C.O.D. charges and postage for a 14 day box of KAL-X GUM.

MY NAME.....

MY ADDRESS.....

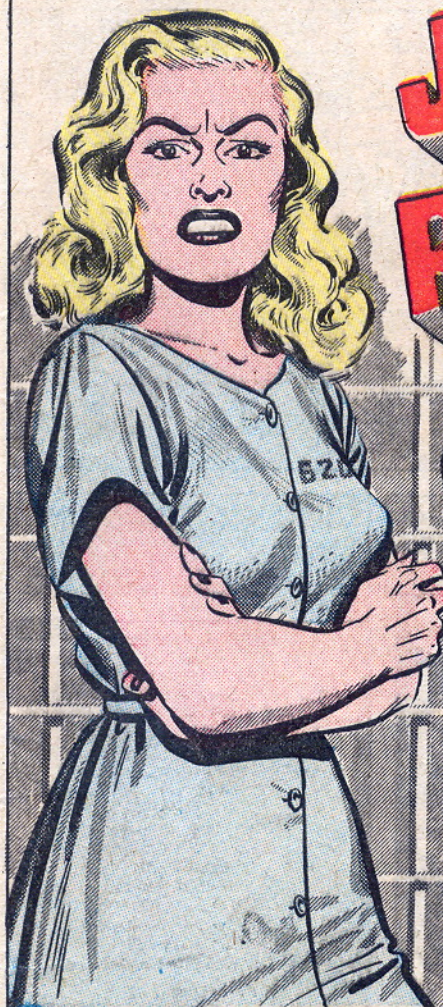
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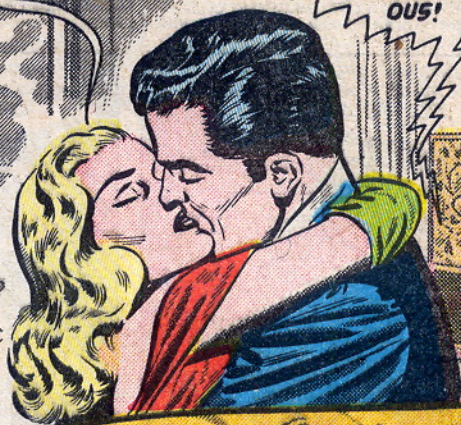
"GO AHEAD, STARE AT ME...AND DON'T BOTHER HIDIN' THAT SNEER! OH, I'VE LEARNED TO TAKE IT ALL THE YEARS OF MY LIFE...THE PRYIN', MOCKIN' GLANCES OF PEOPLE LIKE YOU, SO SECURE IN YOUR VIRTUE...SO READY TO CONDEMN PEOPLE LIKE ME! AND HOW I WISH I COULD SAY I DON'T CARE WHAT YOU THINK OF ME...BUT WHO AM I KIDDIN'? NOW, WHEN IT'S TOO LATE, I'VE LEARNED TO CARE A LOT! THAT'S WHY I'M GONNA TELL YOU HOW IT WAS WITH ME...SHOW YOU EVERY DIRTY, ROTTEN THING THAT I'VE FACED! THEN MAYBE YOU'LL BE ABLE TO UNDERSTAND THAT THERE CAN BE SUCH A THING AS A...

JAILBIRD'S ROMANCE!



LOVE...AND A SHE-CON!... FUNNY, ISN'T IT?

CALLING ALL CARS! BE ON THE LOOKOUT FOR "ANGEL" MORELLI, ARMED AND DANGEROUS!



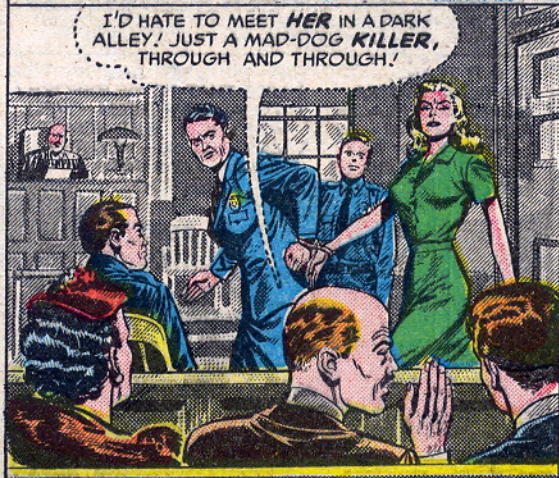
OGDEN WHITNEY

"FUNNY THING, FATE...PICKIN' UNLIKELY FOLKS FOR UNLIKELY NICHES IN LIFE! THESE FOUR, FOR INSTANCE...WOULDN'T YOU PICK 'EM FOR THREE HARD CASES AND ONE SWEETNESS-AND-LIGHT?"



"SUCKER! NO.1, TEACHER...NO.2, MINISTER'S WIFE...NO.3, SOCIAL WORKER! AND NO.4? NONE OTHER THAN ME, LITTLE ANGEL MORELLI... THE ONE THEY CALL THE MOST HARDENED WOMAN CRIMINAL OF THE PAST DECADE! HARD...AND MAYBE A LITTLE PATHETIC, TOO..."

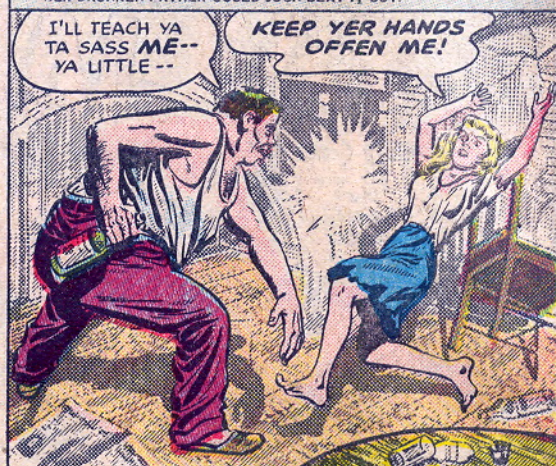
I'D HATE TO MEET HER IN A DARK ALLEY! JUST A MAD-DOG KILLER, THROUGH AND THROUGH!



"WELL, READER, HOW ABOUT YOU...SCARED OF ME, TOO? UH-HUH... AND WONDERIN' HOW COME THINGS LIKE WE EVER CAME TO BE! FOR THE ANSWER, LET'S TURN BACK THE CLOCK TO ALMOST TWENTY YEARS AGO, BACK TO NEW YORK'S TENEMENT DISTRICT! IF A KID'S INSTINCTS WERE RIGHT, THEY DIDN'T HAVE MUCH CHANCE TO FLOURISH HERE...ES, PECIALLY IF SHE WAS HUNGRY!"



"YEAH, THAT'S HOW IT STARTS SO OFTEN...HUNGER! IT'S A PRETTY HARD THING FOR HONESTY TO STAND UP BEFORE THAT! AND AS FOR THOSE OTHER WONDERFUL QUALITIES WHICH SOCIETY CHERISHES... WELL, IF THERE WERE ANY TENDERNES OR MERCY WITHIN A KID, HER DRUNKEN FATHER COULD SOON BEAT IT OUT!"



'GOOD TIMES? HEY, WHAT IS THIS...THE SALVATION ARMY? WE DIDN'T KNOW A PARTY FROM A PICNIC! BUT WE DID HAVE US A LITTLE BASEMENT CLUB-HOUSE...AND I'D ALWAYS LIKED ALFIE McCABE, WHO RAN IT...'

"YEAH...I WASN'T HARD TO LOOK AT AS TIME WENT ON! THAT'S WHAT ALFIE THOUGHT... BUT HE DIDN'T WANT ANYBODY ELSE THININ' SO!"

"THINK YOU LEARN VIRTUE WHEN YOU GROW UP LIKE I DID? WHAT A LAUGH! YOU WANT THINGS...AND HOW ARE YOU GONNA GET 'EM? ME, I WAS LUCKY...THERE WAS ALWAYS ALFIE AROUND TO HELP! IT WAS HIM WHO TAUGHT ME SHOPLIFTIN'...IF YOU CAN STAND THAT AWFUL WORD..."



"OH, THERE WAS LOTS HE TAUGHT ME...HE WOULD'VE DONE ANYTHIN' FOR ME, ALFIE WOULD! BY THE TIME I WAS EIGHTEEN, WE HAD OUR JOBS DOWN TO A SYSTEM, AND WE WERE PRACTICALLY IN THE DOUGH AND ONE OF THE THINGS WHICH STICKS MOST IN MY MIND WAS THAT ONE NIGHT...UP ON THE ROOF, WITH A MILLION STARS AROUND..."

I GOT PLANS, KID-- BIG PLANS! WE'RE GONNA GO PLACES TOGETHER--AN'--AN' I DON'T KNOW ANY DAME I'D RATHER BE WITH ON THE WAY UP!

YA--YA NEVER SAID ANYTHIN' LIKE THAT TO ME BEFORE! IT'S ALWAYS BEEN--WELL, YOU KNOW! BUT NOW I CAN TELL YA--YOU'RE-- KINDA ACES WITH ME, TOO!



"HOW I WISH YOU COULDA BEEN THERE TO SEE AND HEAR, ALL YOU WISE GUY HYPOCRITES WHO'VE CALLED ANGEL MORELLI...WHAT WAS IT? OH YES... AN ANTI-SOCIAL ANIMAL! THERE WASN'T ANYTHIN' ANTI-SOCIAL ABOUT ME THEN...WITH ALFIE'S ARMS TIGHT AROUND ME AND MY HEART BEATIN', BEATIN' AWAY LIKE CRAZY! IF I WEREN'T AN ANIMAL, SOMEBODY MIGHTA EVEN THOUGHT I LOVED THE GUY!"

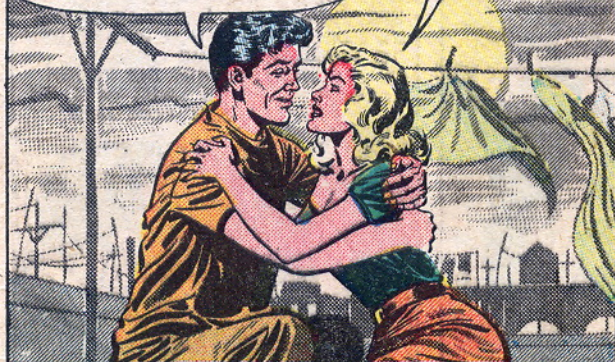


YESSIR, DOLL, YA COME A LONG WAY-- IN **LOTS** O' THINGS! AN' A KID LIKE YOU COULD GO **FURTHER!** JUST SUPPOSIN' A GUY HAD A STICKUP JOB LINED UP FOR TOMORRA, AN' HE NEEDED A LOOKOUT HE COULD TRUST! LIKE SOME DREAMY CHICK WHO'D JUST HAFTA STAND OUTSIDE A JEWELRY STORE---

BUT--BUT GOSH, ALFIE-- THAT'S **GUN** STUFF! I BEEN SWIPIN' PLENTY, BUT I NEVER MESSED AROUND WITH ANY-THING LIKE **THAT!**

ALL I'VE DONE FOR YOU--AN' YA TURN OUT **CHICKEN!** OKAY, SISTER, I'VE HAD IT! THERE ARE PLENTY O' DAMES WHO'LL JUMP AT THE CHANCE TA TEAM UP WITH ME--**I'M THROUGH WITH YA!**

NO, NO--I--I DIDN'T MEAN IT LIKE THAT! COME BACK, PLEASE-- I MUSTA BEEN **CRAZY!** I WANNA STRING ALONG ON THAT JOB--IF--IF YA'LL ONLY LET ME---



"SO THAT'S THE WAY LITTLE ANGEL STARTED HER SUCCESSFUL CAREER! I ASK YOU...TAKE A LOOK AT ME, AND TELL ME...WOULD YOU EVER HAVE SUSPECTED WHAT I WAS FRONTIN' FOR? WOULD YOU HAVE KNOWN THAT INSIDE I WAS QUAKIN' WITH TERROR?"

"BUT TIME PASSED, AND SO DID THE TERROR! I WAS A VETERAN NOW, AND NOTHIN' SCARED ME! WHAT A TEAM WE WERE, ME AND ALFIE...AND HOW THEY LOOKED UP TO US IN THE PROFESSION..."

OKAY--**REACH!** THIS IS A STICKUP!



HERE'S TA **ALFIE MCCABE**--A REAL **OPERATOR!**

BETTER MAKE IT TA ANGELA HERE--**THE NERVIEST LITTLE SIDE-KICK AROUND!**

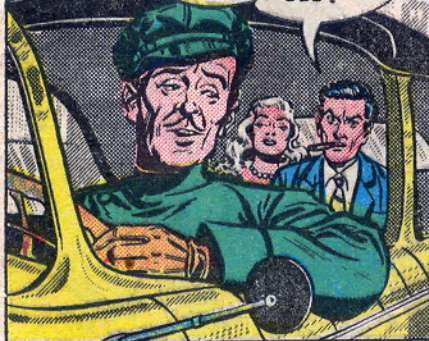
CHECK! BOY, I COULD USE A MOLL LIKE THAT!



"LOOKIN' BACK, IT WAS LIKE SOMETHIN' FROM ANOTHER WORLD! WE WERE RIDIN' THE CREST OF A WAVE, THE TWO OF US, AND NOTHIN' WAS TOO GOOD! I'LL NEVER FORGET THAT RITZY CAR...CHAUFFEURED BY DANNY REGAN, ALFIE'S COUSIN..."

NOW WHERE TO, ALFIE?

LOOK, JERK, I DON'T CARE IF YOU **ARE** RELATED! WHILE YER WORKIN' FOR ME, IT'S **MR. MCCABE, SEE?**



"DANNY WAS MORE THAN A JERK...HE WAS A PROBLEM! LIKE THIS, FOR INSTANCE..."

AW, C'MON, **MR. MCCABE!** FOR OLD TIMES SAKE, CANT CHA PUT ME NEXT TA SOME EASY DOUGH? I COULD HELP YA ON A JOB MAYBE--

YA AIN'T GOT THE PHYSIQUE, PUNK--OR THE GUTS EITHER! SO QUIT PESTERIN' ME!



"...AND LIKE THIS...WHEN ALFIE WASN'T AROUND!"

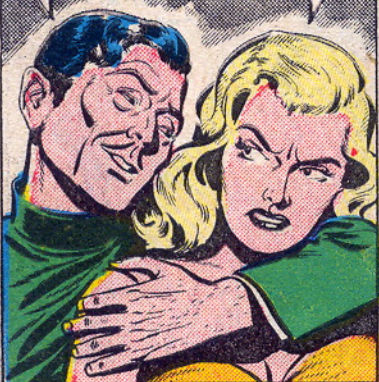
CLEANIN' ALFIE'S GUN FOR 'IM, EH? THAT'S WHAT I LIKE TA SEE--A GIRL WHO'S NICE AN' ACCOMMODATIN'!

LOOK, CHARACTER, I'VE SEEN ENOUGH OF YOU TO KNOW YOU ALWAYS GOT AN **ANGLE!** WHAT'RE YOU AFTER?



AW, C'MON, RELAX--
HE'S NOT AROUND!
I BEEN NUTS ABOUT
YA SINCE I CAME
WORKIN' FOR ALFIE
--IT'S ALL IN THE
FAMILY, ANYWAY--

IT **IS**, ISN'T IT? SO
YOU WON'T
MIND MY
ACTIN' LIKE
ALFIE
WOULD!



STICK TO BEIN'
A CHAUFFEUR,
RAT-- AND DON'T
TRY TO CRASH
MY LEAGUE!

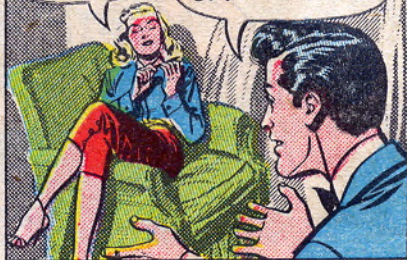
ON-HHH!



"THERE WASN'T ANY SENSE IN TELLIN' ALFIE
ABOUT IT...HE WOULD'VE KILLED THE CRUMBUM!
BESIDES, THERE WERE MORE IMPORTANT THINGS
IN THE OFFING!"

NEVER SAW YA SO
ENTHUSIASTIC ABOUT
A JOB BEFORE
LOVER-BOY! BUT
JUST WHAT'S THE
PERCENTAGE OF
US GOIN' DOWN
TO VIRGINIA--
ON A PAYROLL
HEIST?

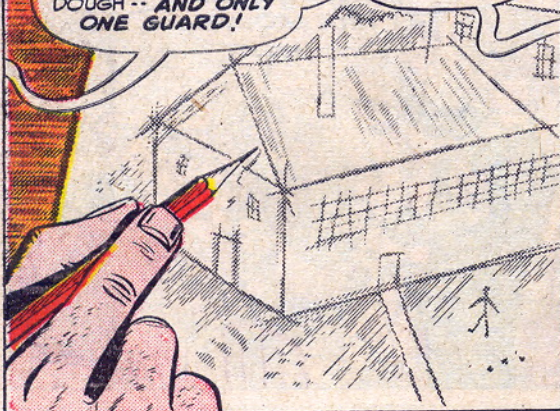
ONLY THAT IT'S
THE BIGGEST
JOB WE EVER
TOUCHED, KID! I'M
PAYIN' A PER-
CENTAGE TA THE
GUY WHO TOUTED
ME ONTA IT!
WITH THE DOUGH
WE LAND, WE'LL BE
SET FOR LIFE!



"HE HAD IT ALL PLANNED OUT ON PAPER...THE WAY HE'D TAUGHT ME
TO TACKLE ANY JOB..."

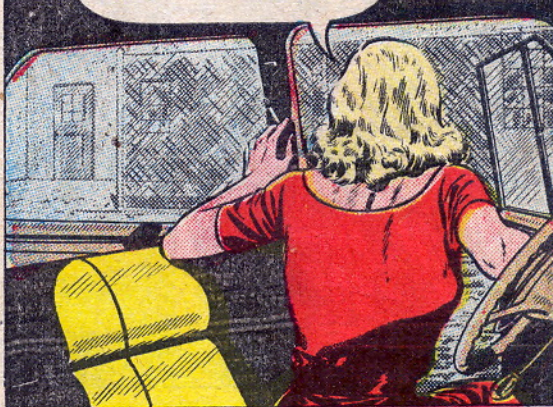
HERE'S WHERE THE MOOLA
WILL BE ON THE 14TH, WHEN
THEY GIVE OUT THEIR YEARLY
BONUSES! ALL THAT
DOUGH-- **AND ONLY
ONE GUARD!**

ONE? THAT
OUGHTA BE
DUCKSOUP
FOR **US!**



"SO LITTLE ANGEL MORELLI HAD HER JOB CUT OUT FOR HER ON THAT
FATEFUL DAY! I KEPT TELLIN' MYSELF NOTHIN' COULD GO WRONG, BUT
THERE WAS THAT DEAD FEELIN' DOWN IN MY GUTS THAT TOLD ME I WAS
A LIAR!"

WHAT'S KEEPIN' HIM
SO LONG? WHY DOESN'T
THE BIG LUG COME OUT?

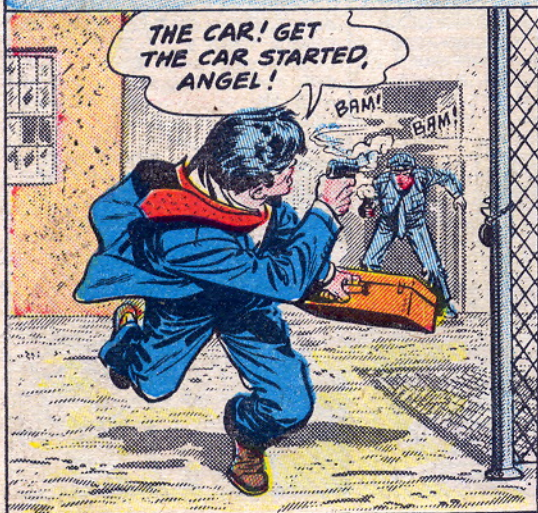


"YES, IT WAS TROUBLE...WRITTEN IN GUNSHOTS! I FELT A SCREAM TEAR
AT MY THROAT AS IT HAPPENED...IN A CONFUSED BLUR OF MOTION..."

**THE CAR! GET
THE CAR! STARTED,
ANGEL!**

BAM!

BAM!

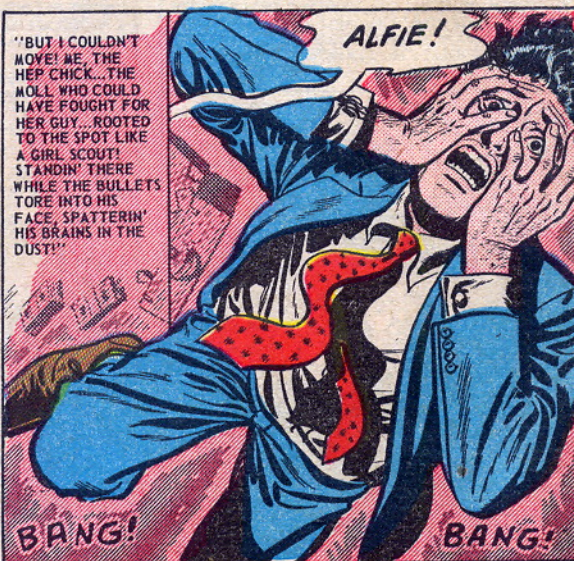


"BUT I COULDN'T
MOVE! ME, THE
HEP CHICK...THE
MOLL WHO COULD
HAVE FOUGHT FOR
HER GUY...ROOTED
TO THE SPOT LIKE
A GIRL SCOUT!
STANDIN' THERE
WHILE THE BULLETS
TORE INTO HIS
FACE, SPATTERIN'
HIS BRAINS IN THE
DUST!"

ALFIE!

BANG!

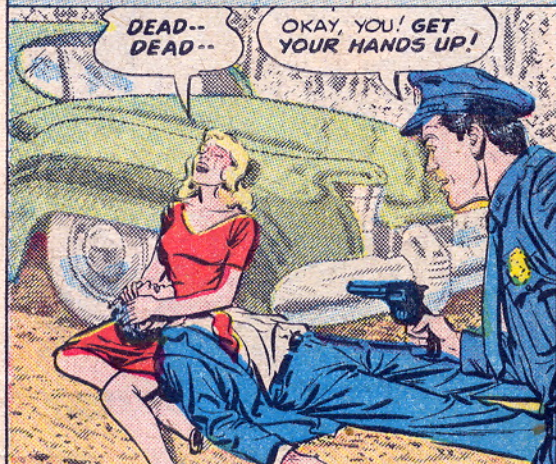
BANG!



"LAUGH, WHY DON'T YOU... SAY, 'I TOLD YOU SO!' WHAT A DOPE SIGHT I MUSTA BEEN... SITTIN' THERE LIKE A JERK... SCREAMIN' MY HEART OUT FOR THE BLOODY MESS WHOSE LIPS USED TO KISS MINE! OH, TELL ME TO SHUT UP, SOMEBODY... TELL ME I'M A HARDENED CRIMINAL, THE KIND THAT HASN'T GOT HUMAN FEELIN'S..."

DEAD--
DEAD--

OKAY, YOU! GET
YOUR HANDS UP!



"IT WAS A HOLIDAY FOR THE LOCAL COPS, AND THEY MADE THE MOST OF IT! THEY HAD A BIG TIME GUN MOLL, AND THEY'D LEARNED HOW THEY WERE SUPPOSED TO ACT FROM THE MOVIES! THEY HADN'T HAD FUN LIKE THIS FOR YEARS!"

YA MUSTA PULLED
OTHER JOBS IN
VIRGINIA, DIDN'TCHA?
TALK UP, OR--

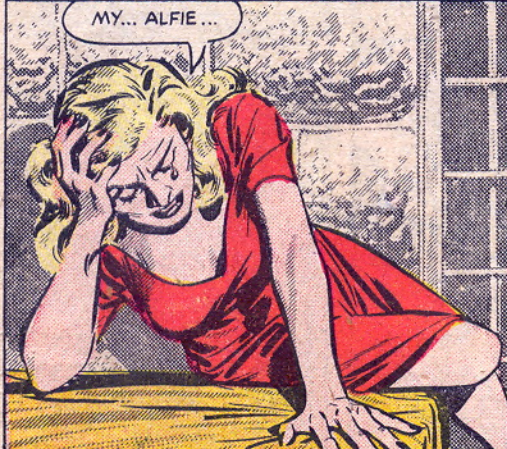
MAYBE SHE WAS THE
DAME IN THAT RANDALL
STICKUP! WERE YA?

WHO DO YA THINK
YOU'RE UP AGAINST
--A CAMPFIRE GIRL?
CHECK WITH THE
NEW YORK COPS--
THEY'LL TELL YA
ANGEL MORELLI
KEEPS HER
MOUTH SHUT!



"YEAH, LITTLE ANGEL KEEPS HER MOUTH SHUT... UNTIL SHE'S BACK IN HER CELL, VOMITIN' AT THE MEMORY OF BLOOD AND OZZIN' BRAINS... CRYIN' HER STUPID EYES OUT FOR HER MAN... FOR WHAT THEY'D BEEN TO EACH OTHER, THAT COULD NEVER HAPPEN AGAIN..."

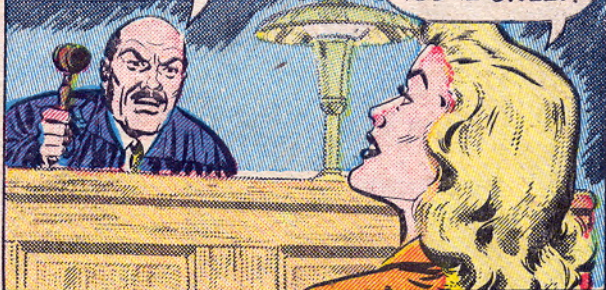
MY... ALFIE...



"WELL, THIS WAS IT! I CAN JUST SEE YOU GOODY-GOODIES GETTIN' A BIG CHARGE OUTA ME ENDIN' UP WHERE YOU ALWAYS THOUGHT I WOULD... AT A JUDGE'S BENCH! BUT IF YOU THINK I WHINED, PLEADED FOR MERCY... YOU'RE NUTS!"

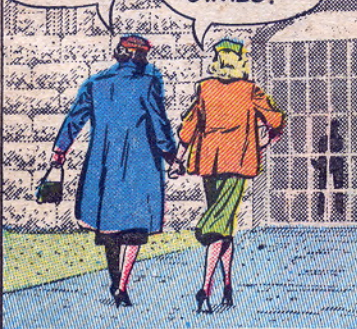
I WISH THAT THE SENTENCE I'M HANDING DOWN
COULD HAVE BEEN MORE SEVERE -- BUT **YOUR** KIND
HAS THE CUNNING TO RETAIN COUNSEL THAT CAN
TAKE ADVANTAGE OF ANY LOOPHOLE IN THE
LAW! THEREFORE I CAN ONLY SENTENCE YOU,
ANGELA MORELLI, TO **FIVE YEARS**
IMPRISONMENT IN THE STATE
PENITENTIARY!

THANKS, DOC--
YOU'RE SWEET!



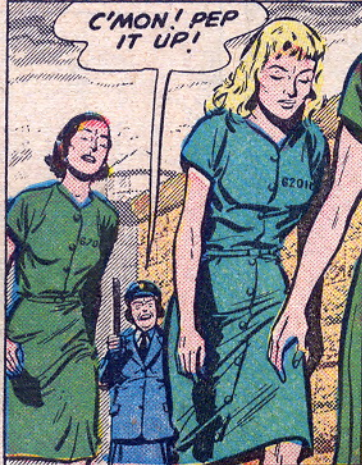
I'VE SEEN
YOUR TYPE
BEFORE --
THINK YOU'RE
TOUGH!
THEY'LL BREAK
THAT SPIRIT
OF YOURS IN
HERE, SISTER--
THEY GOT
WAYS!

WANNA **BET?**
NOTHIN' THEY
CAN DO WILL
MAKE ANY
DIFFERENCE TO
ME-- AND I'LL
BE OUT AND
ON TOP OF
THE HEAP WHILE
YOU'RE STILL
WORKIN' FOR
DIMES!

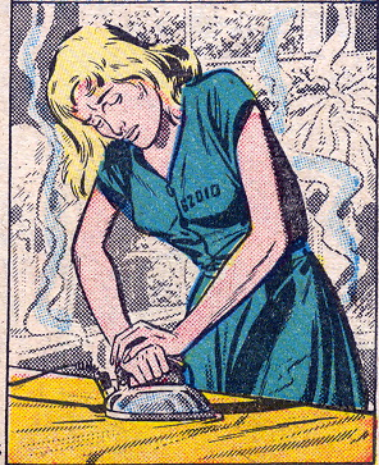


"FIVE YEARS! YEARS AS A NUMBER...
SHUFFLIN' AROUND A COMPOUND WITH
OTHER NUMBERS! YOU CONCENTRATE ON
LEFT FOOT, RIGHT FOOT... YOU TRY NOT
TO THINK..."

C'MON! PEP
IT UP!



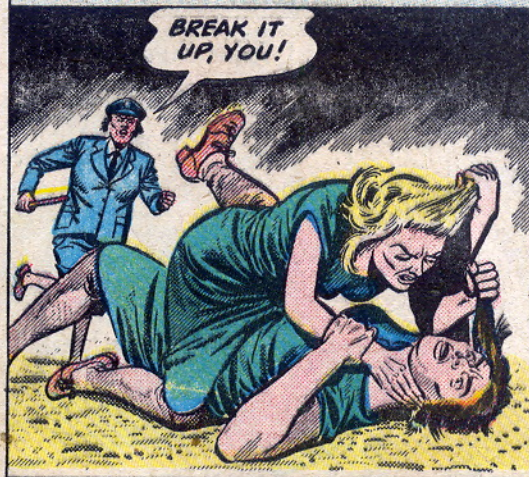
"FIVE YEARS... OF BACKBREAKIN' WORK, BUT
YOU WELCOME IT! WATCH THAT IRON GO,
BACK, FORTH! KEEP YOUR EYE ON IT... CLOSE
...AND DROWN OUT THE MEMORIES OF SILKEN
CLOTHES AND LAUGHTER! DROWN OUT... HIM!"



"FIVE YEARS...OF EATIN' SWILL, AND NOT DARIN' TO COMPLAIN...OF WATCHIN' THE PIGGISH FACES OF THE OTHER CONVICTS AND TRYIN' TO CONVINCE YOURSELF THAT YOU'RE NOT LIKE THEM! BUT TAKE A GANDER INTO A MIRROR, SISTER...THINK YOU'RE ANY BETTER?"



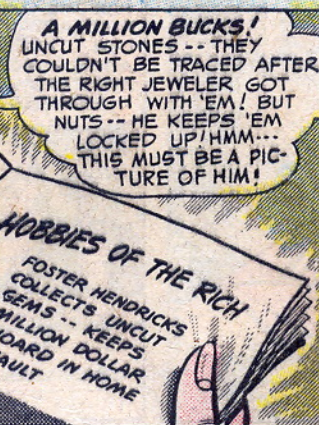
"THE HOURS...EACH ONE A DRAGGIN' CENTURY...WAS IT ANY WONDER THAT BIT TERNES SWARMED WITHIN ME? BUT I WOULDN'T LET IT BEAT ME DOWN! I HAD TO FIGHT BACK! SOMETIMES IT WAS WITH OTHER INMATES..."



"...AND THEN CAME THE WORST PUNISHMENT OUR LOVELY LITTLE INSTITUTION COULD HAND OUT...SOLITARY! THINK IT BROKE ME, REDUCED ME TO A HYSTERICAL WRECK, LIKE THE OTHERS? NOT LITTLE ANGEL...NOT WHILE SHE COULD STARE THROUGH THE BLACKNESS INTO THE FUTURE..."



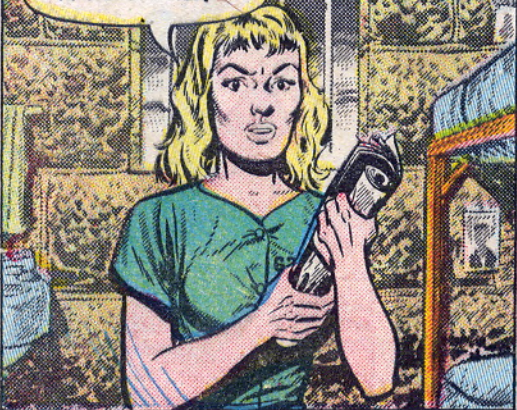
"YES, THE DAY WHEN I'D BE SPRUNG... AND THE ONE BIG JOB I'D PULL ON MY OWN, TO REPAY ME FOR ALL THIS SUFFERIN'! I WAS SMART NOW, AND I'D PLAY IT FOXY! I WAS JUST A QUESTION OF FINDIN' WHAT I WAS AFTER...AND THE PRISON LIBRARY CAME UP WITH A LULU!"



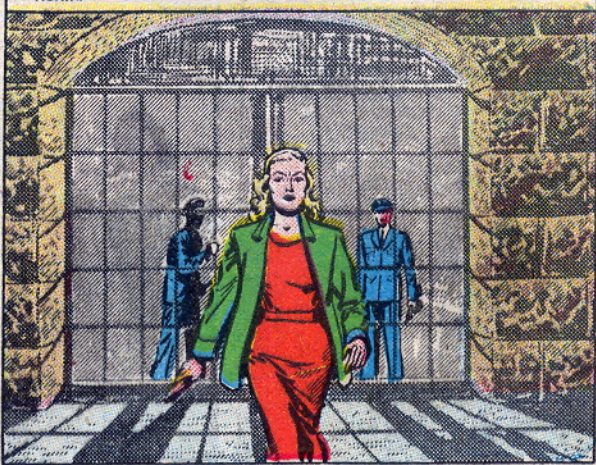
SO THAT'S MR. MONEYBAGS, THE LUCKY -- HEY! THE CHAUFFEUR -- IT'S DANNY REGAN!



THE LITTLE RAT WAS ALWAYS LOOKIN' FOR EASY DOUGH! NOW I'LL GIVE HIM AN IN IF HE GIVES ME AN IN! IF HE CAN GET ME INTO THE HOUSE SOME WAY I'LL FIGURE AN ANGLE -- AN' GRAB ME A FORTUNE!



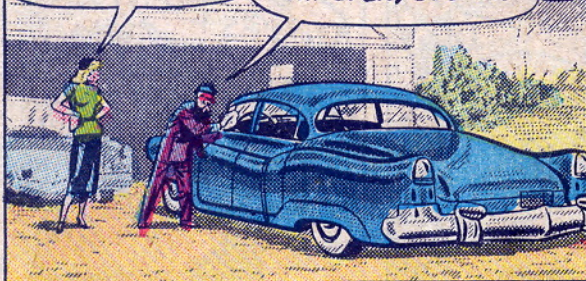
"IT CAME, AS IT HAD TO FINALLY... THAT GORGEOUS DAY WHEN I STEPPED OUT OF THE BIG GATES...FREE! I'D PAID MY DEBT TO SOCIETY, AND I WAS A REFORMED CHARACTER, IT SAYS HERE! OKAY, ALL YOU SHNELIN' HYPOCRITES, YOU'D HAD YOUR LAUGH ON ME...BUT NOW IT WAS MY TURN AGAIN!"



"THE OLD MOB STAKED ME...ENOUGH FOR A WARDROBE AND A CORPS OF BEAUTICIANS! BOY, HOW IT FELT TO BE UNDER A DRYER AGAIN...AND HAVE A COAT OF POLISH HIDE MY WORK-ROUGHENED NAILS! AND GOWNS WITH LINES INSTEAD OF A UNIFORM WITH A NUMBER! IT WASN'T ONLY THAT OLD FAMILIAR FEELING I WAS LOOKIN' FOR...I HADDA REKINDLE THAT TORCH DANNY USETA CARRY FOR ME! AND BROTHER, I HAD IT BLAZIN' IN NOTHIN' FLAT!"

--AND I SORTA THOUGHT IT WOULD BE KINDA--WELL, YOU KNOW--**NICE**, THE TWO OF US WORKIN' TOGETHER! HOW ABOUT IT, DANNY?

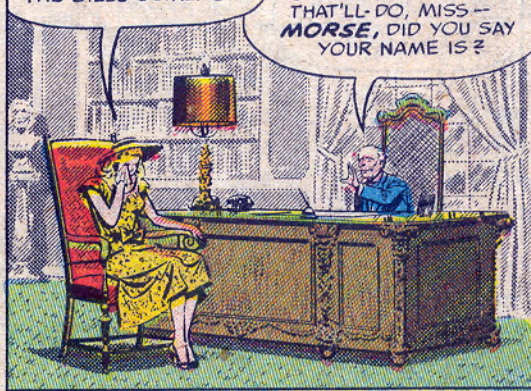
THE OL' MAN'S GOT A LIVE-IN SECRETARY, AN' SHE'S LEAVIN'! HE'S A SUCKER--IF I GO TA HIM AN' SPILL A HARD-LUCK STORY ABOUT YA, MAYBE I CAN GET YA IN! THE REST'LL BE UP TA YOU--**AND DON'T FORGET MY SPLIT, SUGAR!**



"THE OLD GUY SURE WAS A SUCKER...IT MADE ME WONDER HOW THESE RICH JERKS EVER BUILD A BANK ACCOUNT! ALL I HADDA DO WAS PLAY SWEET SUE, WITH A TOUCH OF TEARS..."

--AND--AND NOW MOTHER'S IN THE HOSPITAL--AND I'VE GOT TO MEET THE BILLS SOMEHOW--

THERE, THERE! IT JUST SO HAPPENS THAT THERE IS AN OPENING--FOR A SECRETARY, TO LIVE ON THE PREMISES! IF THAT'LL DO, MISS--**MORSE**, DID YOU SAY YOUR NAME IS?



"SO IT WAS DONE, AND I WAS IN, SITTIN' ON TOP OF THE WORLD! AND THEN A SIMPLE INTRODUCTION...AND THE PROPS WERE PULLED RIGHT OUT FROM UNDER ME!"

I'D LIKE YOU TO MEET JIM HENDRICKS, MY NEPHEW!--JIM, MISS ANGELA MORSE, MY NEW SECRETARY! I'M SURE SHE'D LIKE IT IF YOU SHOWED HER AROUND!

GLAD TO, MISS MORSE!

WHY--THANKS--



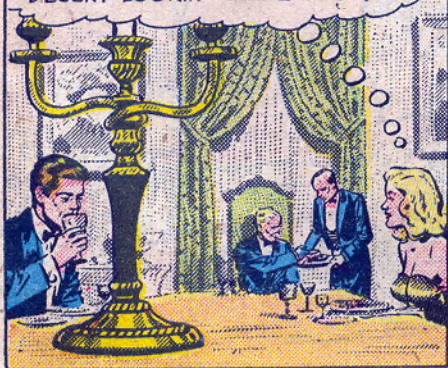
"WAIT A SECOND, BEFORE YOU START GETTIN' ANY HALF-BAKED NOTIONS! I'VE BEEN AROUND TOO MUCH TO FALL FOR A GUY LIKE SOME DOPEY COED! IT WAS JUST THAT THIS ONE--WELL, HE WAS DIFFERENT...WITH A WAY OF LOOKIN' AT YOU LIKE HE KNEW WHAT YOU WERE, WHAT YOU WERE THINKIN'..."

--AND THE PERGOLA IS RIGHT OVER-- OH, YOU'RE NOT EVEN LISTENING, MISS MORSE! YOU'RE JUST STARING AT ME!



"I'LL ADMIT IT...I WAS STARIN' AT HIM...AND I COULDN'T SEEM TO STOP! FUNNY...HE WASN'T MY TYPE...THE MUSCLE-MAN WHO KNEW WHAT HE WANTED AND GOT IT! NO, THIS CHARACTER WAS SHY, RESERVED! WHAT GAVE HERE, ANYWAY?"

OF COURSE--WHAT A **DOPE** I AM! AFTER FIVE YEARS IN STIR, WITHOUT A MAN AROUND, I GUESS IT'S NATURAL TO LATCH ONTO THE FIRST DECENT-LOOKIN' ONE I MEET!



"BUT I WASN'T LETTIN' JIM HENDRICKS MAKE ME FORGET WHAT I WAS HERE FOR! I HAD A GOAL...AND BY NOW, I'D CASSED THE JOINT CAREFULLY..."

IT'S A MATTER OF WAITIN' AROUND TILL I CAN CATCH HIM WITH THOSE JEWELS OUT! IF I DON'T, I CAN ALWAYS BRING IN SOME HOOD TO **BLOW** THE VAULT OPEN!



--AND IN THE MEANTIME, THERE'S NO REASON WHY MAYBE I CAN'T HAVE A LITTLE **FUN**--WITH MR. HENDRICKS **JUNIOR!**



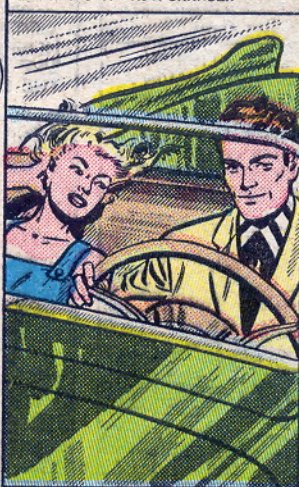
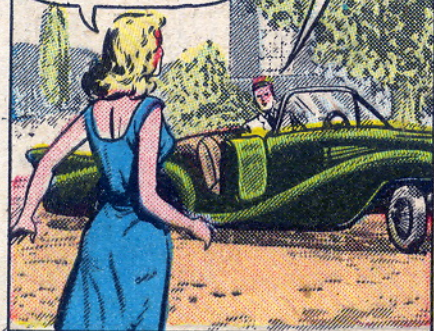
"GO AHEAD, CALL ME A LOUSE, SAY I'D FORGOTTEN ALFIE! NO, THERE WAS NO FORGETTIN' THE MAN WHO'D BLED HIS LIFE OUT IN MY LAP...I MIGHT BE A CROOK, BUT I WASN'T ANYBODY'S TRAMP! BUT THAT WAS IN THE PAST, FIVE LONG YEARS AGO...AND THIS WAS NOW!"

"I HADN'T THOUGHT IT WOULD BE LIKE THIS! HADN'T KNOWN THAT MEN COULD BE...WELL...COMPANIONABLE, INSTEAD OF PAWING! IT WAS A CHANGE."

"WE STOPPED OFF LATER AND DANCED...AND IT WAS WONDERFUL! WHY DID I WANT HIM TO LIKE ME SO DESPERATELY? ANGEL MORELLI, THE GAL WHO KNEW THE BUSINESS END OF A GAT...THE HEP MOLL WHO KNEW WHAT SHE WANTED AND TOOK IT...GETTIN' STARS IN HER EYES AT THIS STAGE OF THE GAME! IT WAS...CRAZY!"

YOU KNOW, JIM-- I REALLY HAVEN'T HAD MUCH CHANCE TO SEE THE COUNTRY AROUND HERE--

GET IN, ANGELA -- WE'LL REMEDY THAT **RIGHT NOW!**

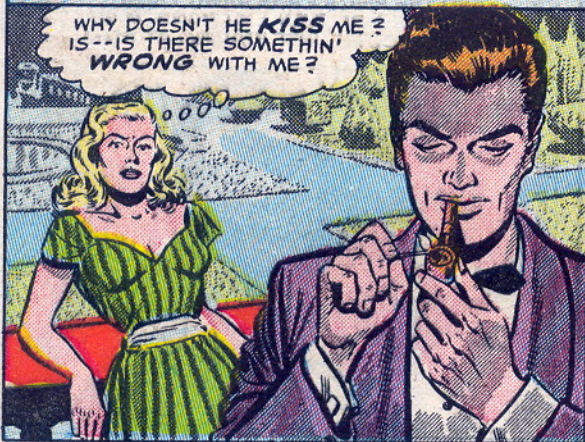


SOMEBODY OUGHTA-- **EXAMINE MY HEAD!**



"I SHOULD HAVE STOPPED THEN...BUT NOT ME! I HADDA KEEP ON WITH HIM, DUMB LUG THAT I WAS...HADDA SEE HIS SMILE IN EVERY DREAM, AND WONDER ABOUT THAT FUNNY LITTLE WAY HE HAD OF CRINKLIN' UP HIS EYES TILL I COULDN'T THINK ABOVE THE BEATIN' OF MY HEART! AND YA WANT THE PRIZE LAUGH OF ALL? I WAS A **NOTHIN'** TO HIM...JUST A DOLL TO BE NICE AND POLITE TO..."

WHY DOESN'T HE **KISS** ME? IS--IS THERE SOMETHIN' **WRONG** WITH ME?



"OKAY, YOU WISEGUY PSYCHOLOGISTS...GO AHEAD AND EXPLAIN! SAY IT MUST BE SEX...THAT A PUBLIC ENEMY LIKE ME HAS NO ROOM FOR ANYTHIN' IN HER HEART BUT MURDER! I CAN'T PROVE YOU'RE LIARS... BUT I KNOW HOW I FELT!"

OH, WHAT'S THE **MATTER** WITH ME-- GOIN' OVER IT TIME AND AGAIN IN MY HEAD TILL IT DRIVES ME **NUTS!**

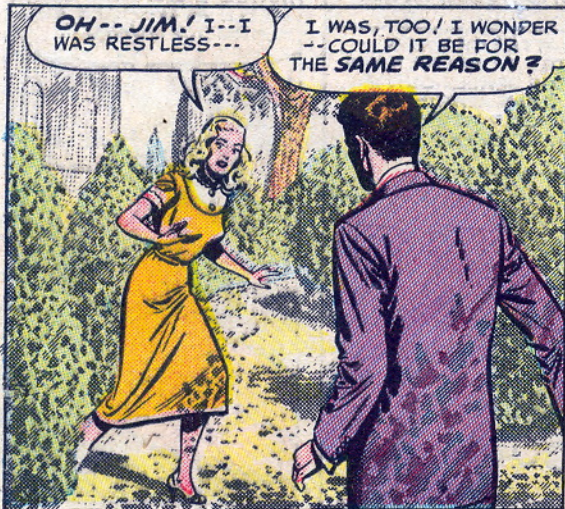
ANGELA! DIDN'T YOU HEAR ME CALLING YOU?



"THAT NIGHT, IT WAS THE SAME AS THE NIGHT BEFORE...I COULDN'T SLEEP! I THOUGHT THAT MAYBE A TURN IN THE GARDEN MIGHT HELP ME THINK THINGS OUT...AND THERE HE WAS!"

OH-- JIM! I--I WAS RESTLESS--

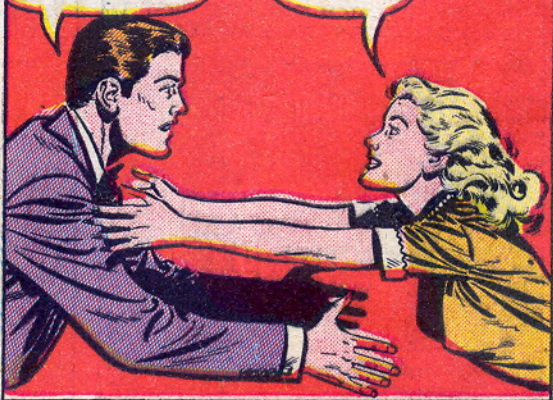
I WAS, TOO! I WONDER --COULD IT BE FOR THE **SAME REASON?**



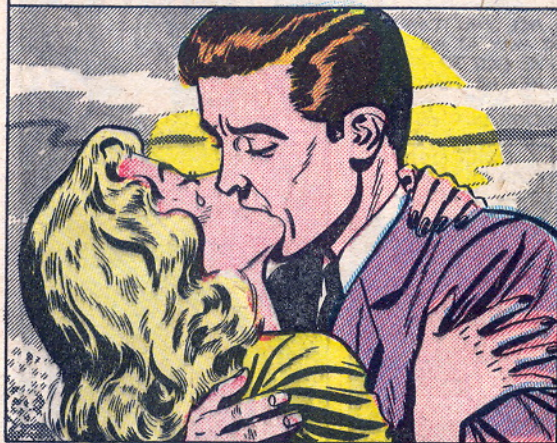
"LOVE IN THE MOONLIGHT...THAT'S THE SORT OF HOGWASH THE BOBBY-SOXERS GO FOR, AND IT WASN'T FOR A DAME WHO KNEW THE SCORE! WHY WAS HE LOOKING AT ME LIKE THAT...LIKE I WAS A CHRISTMAS PRESENT FOR A GOOD BOY? I WANTED TO SCREAM OUT, 'KEEP AWAY, YOU DUMB S@P...I'M ANGEL MORELLI, THE GUN MOLL WHO'S JUST OUTA STIR...I'M NOT FOR YOU!' BUT I COULDN'T...I COULD ONLY SWAY TOWARD HIM..."

ANGELA-- SWEETHEART--

OH, JIM-- **JIM--**



"THERE WERE TEARS ON MY CHEEKS, BUT THESE WEREN'T LIKE ANY TEARS I'D EVER KNOWN BEFORE! I WAS HAPPY, YOU HEAR ME... HAPPY! I WANTED TO FORGET EVERYTHIN'...EVERYTHIN' BUT JIM'S LIPS, PRESSED HARD AGAINST MINE TILL MY FOOL HEART LIKE TO EXPLODE! IT HADN'T BEEN THIS WAY WITH ALFIE...A WAY THAT MADE ME FEEL LIKE MY WHOLE LIFE WAS...CLEAN!"



"HIS ARMS, HIS KISSES...THERE IS MAGIC, SOMEWHERE IN THIS LOUSY LIFE! MAGIC THAT FILLED ME WITH LOVE FOR THIS MAN...I DARE YOU TO DENY IT! AND HE LOVED ME...THE ME THAT WAS HIDDEN WAY DOWN DEEP, BELOW ALL THE MEANNESS AND HARDNESS THAT LIFE HAD BUILT UP AROUND ME! HE MADE THE UGLINESS VANISH SO I HARDLY KNEW WHO OR WHAT I WAS...HYPNOTIZED ME TILL I WOULD'VE AGREED TO ANYTHIN'..."

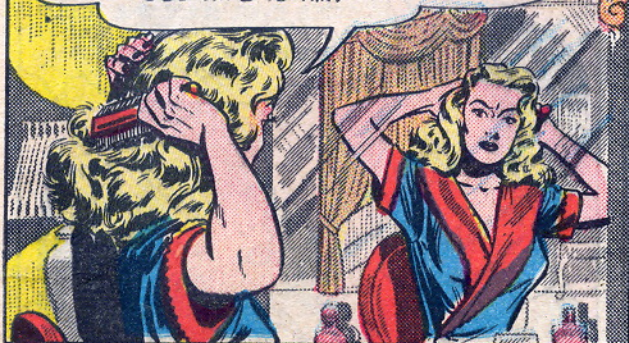
DID--DID ANYONE EVER CALL YOU **ANGEL**, HONEY? THAT'S THE WAY YOU SEEM TO ME TONIGHT! WE'RE GETTING MARRIED, ANGEL--**SOON!** I'M **PROPOSING!**

AND I--I'M **ACCEPTING!** YOU'RE GOING TO BE--**MY HUSBAND!**



"IT WAS WHEN HE LEFT ME, THAT WONDERFUL NIGHT, THAT THE DOUBTS STARTED CREEPIN' IN! NOT OF THE WAY WE FELT ABOUT EACH OTHER...NOTHIN' COULD CHANGE A THING THAT WAS SO TRUE, SO RIGHT! BUT COULD I LIVE DOWN WHAT I'D BEEN...THRUST THE DIRTY, ROTTEN MESS THAT HAD BEEN MY LIFE BEHIND ME?"

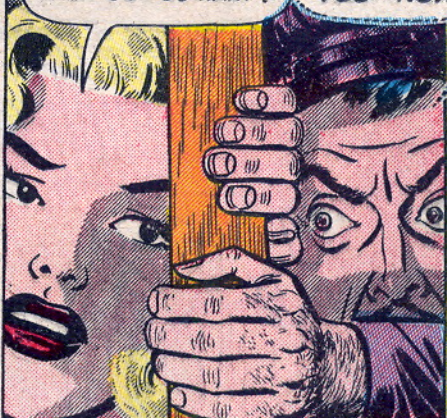
I'LL DO IT, COME WHAT MAY! I LOVE HIM AND I CAN MAKE HIM HAPPY--**AS LONG AS HE NEVER FINDS OUT WHAT I BEEN!** HE **MUSTN'T** FIND OUT--EVER--AND I'LL BE A GOOD WIFE TO HIM--



"THAT'S THE WAY IT WAS GONNA BE...AND OH, WE WERE HAPPY WITH OUR WEDDIN' PLANS...LIKE TWO KIDS STARIN' INTO PARADISE! FUNNY, HOW JUST A KNOCK ON THE DOOR CAN CHANGE ALL THAT..."

DANNY! WHAT--WHAT DO YOU WANT?

I WANNA SEE **YOU--NOW!**



"HE'D HEARD ABOUT WHAT WAS IN THE AIR...AND HE WAS CRAZY MAD! TO HIM, IT ADDED UP TO NO ROBBERY...WHICH MEANT NO DIVVY FOR A SCHEMIN' LITTLE RAT NAMED DANNY REGAN! AN' HE WASN'T BUYIN' THAT...NO SIR!"

PLEASE, DANNY--YA GOTTA TRY TO **UNDERSTAND!** IT'S NOT LIKE I'M TRYIN' TO **GYP** YA OUT OF ANYTHIN'! IT'S ONLY THAT FOR THE FIRST TIME IN MY LIFE, I KNOW WHAT IT MEANS TO BE REALLY IN **LOVE**--AND IT'S MADE ME SEE THINGS DIFFERENT--

BALONEY! YA JUST SAW YER WAY CLEAR TO A **BIGGER** STAKE THIS WAY! **THE HENDRICKS MILLIONS--** AN' YA THINK YER GONNA FREEZE ME OUT! SISTER--YA GOT ANOTHER THINK COMIN'!



YA CAN GO AHEAD AN' MARRY THE CRUMB--BUT YER GONNA USE SOME OF THAT DOUGH TA PAY ME OFF--**REGULAR!** OTHERWISE--**I SPILL THE WORKS!** ANGELA MORSE--**HAH! ANGEL MORELLI--CROOK--GUN-MOLL--EX-CON--**

NO--NO--YA GOTTA KEEP YER MOUTH **SHUT!** I--I'LL DO ANYTHIN', DANNY--**ANYTHIN'!**



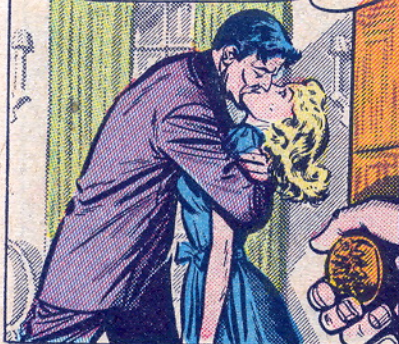
WELL, NOW--YER SINGIN' A DIFFERENT TUNE FROM TH' OL' DAYS, WHEN YA TOLD ME I WASN'T IN YOUR LEAGUE! BUT I ALWAYS **DID** GO FOR YA--SO SUPPOSIN' YA COME TA PAPA, BABY--AN' I MIGHT BUTTIN MY LIP--

OH, NO--**NO--**



"LOTS OF THINGS IN MY LIFE I WANNA FORGET... ROTTEN, SORDID THINGS... BUT NEVER DID I FEEL DIRTIER THAN THEN, CLASPED LIKE A STIFF FROZEN DUMMY IN HIS ARMS... SOILED BY HIS LIPS! IT WAS PART OF THE PRICE I HAD TO PAY TO ESCAPE FROM WHAT I HAD BEEN... BUT THE NEXT MOMENT SHOWED ME THE INVESTMENT WOULD NEVER PAY OFF!"

WHAT THE --! WHAT'S GOING ON IN HERE?

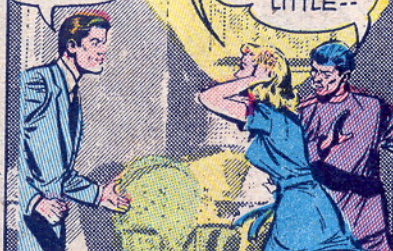


"YEAH, IT'S THE LITTLE THINGS IN LIFE THAT CROSS YOU UP... LIKE A DOOR THAT'D SWUNG OPEN WIDE ENOUGH JUST AT THE WRONG SECOND! AND THE CRAZY PART OF IT ALL WAS IT HADDA BE JIM... THINKIN' YOU KNOW WHAT..."

I-I NEVER THOUGHT YOU COULD DO ANYTHING LIKE THIS TO ME-- THAT YOU COULD STOOP SO LOW AS--

NO, NO, JIM! IT WASN'T THAT WAY AT ALL -- YOU'VE GOT TO BELIEVE ME! HE-- HE FORCED ME-- IT WAS **BLACKMAIL!** SHE'S A LIAR!

DON'T LISTEN TA THE DIRTY LITTLE--

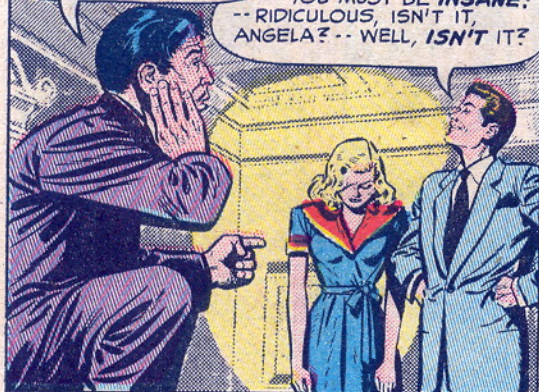


SHUT YOUR VILE MOUTH! I'M LISTENING TO HER STORY!



YEAH--GO AHEAD AN' LISTEN TA **HER!** LISTEN TA THE TRAMP, THE LOUSY LITTLE BUM WHO'S BEEN A SHOPLIFTER, A GUN MOLL -- AN' **WORSE!** ASK HER WHO **ANGEL MORELLI** IS -- AN' GET HER TA TELL YA ABOUT THE STRETCH SHE JUST DID IN STIR! **GO AHEAD, WHY DON'TCHA?**

YOU MUST BE **INSANE!** -- RIDICULOUS, ISN'T IT, ANGELA? -- WELL, **ISN'T IT?**



"THIS WAS THE TIME FOR THE OLD ANGEL, WHO'D NEVER BEEN AT A LOSS FOR A LIE! TIME TO SCREAM ABOUT MY INNOCENCE... BUT WHY COULDN'T I DO IT? THERE STOOD JIM, MY PASSPORT TO SECURITY, HAPPINESS... AND SO HELP ME, I COULDN'T BRING THE WORDS TO MY LIPS! YEAH, I LOVED THE GUY, ALL RIGHT... SO MUCH THAT I HADDA LEVEL WITH HIM!"

ANGELA! YOU'RE NOT DENYING THE -- THE THINGS HE SAID! **WHY?**

BECAUSE THEY'RE **TRUE**, JIM! ANGELA MORSE IS -- REALLY ANGEL MORELLI -- THE GIRL WHO LIED, CHEATED AND STOLE EVER SINCE SHE COULD WALK! THAT'S THE GIRL YOU WERE GOING TO MARRY, A -- **A JAILBIRD!**



"WELL, I'D DONE IT. JERK THAT I WAS... BLUBBERED OUT MY SINS LIKE A DOPEY SCHOOL KID! WHAT DID I EXPECT, ANYWAY... A MEDAL? DID I THINK HE WAS GONNA CHEER ABOUT IT? BUT I... I COULDN'T STAND THAT ANFUL LOOK IN HIS FACE... THE WAY HE BACKED AWAY FROM ME, LIKE I WAS SOMETHIN' WITH THE PLAGUE!"

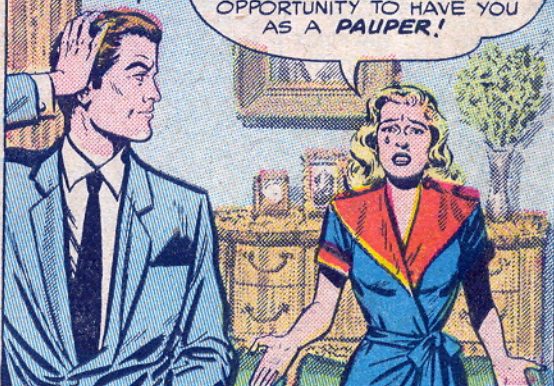
I--I CAN'T BELIEVE IT! YOU, THE GIRL WHO WAS GOING TO BE MY-- MY **WIFE--**

AND NOW IT'S **ALL OVER!** IT'S **FINISHED**, BECAUSE NOBODY'LL GIVE A GIRL A SECOND CHANCE! OH, NO, **SHE CAN'T LIVE DOWN** WHAT SHE'S BEEN -- EVEN WHEN, FOR THE FIRST TIME IN HER LIFE, SHE'S GOT **SOMETHING TO LIVE FOR!**



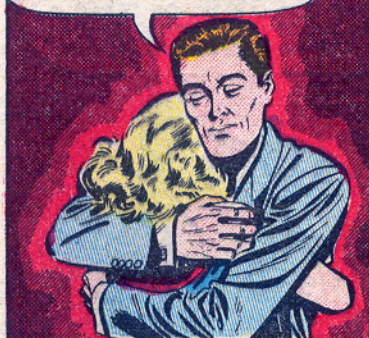
SOMETHING TO LIVE FOR? **WHAT?** THE **MONEY** YOU HOPED TO GET FROM MARRYING ME?

NO -- JUST THE **LOVE** THAT I FELT FOR YOU! SAY ANY- THING ABOUT ME, BUT THAT-- **THAT WAS SINCERE!** SO MUCH SO THAT I'D KISS YOUR FEET IF YOU GAVE AWAY EVERY CENT YOU'VE GOT -- AND GAVE ME THE OPPORTUNITY TO HAVE YOU AS A **PAUPER!**

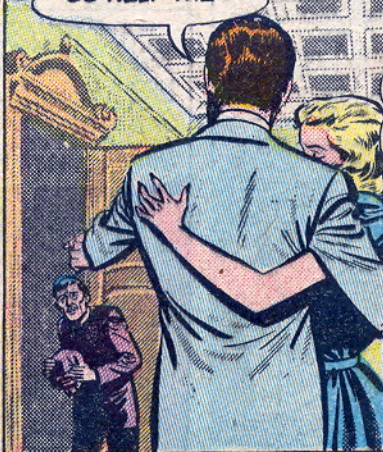


"I KNOW WHAT IT FEELS LIKE NOW WHEN A PERSON'S RESCUED FROM DROWNIN', AND RESTORED TO A LIFE SHE'D THOUGHT WAS LOST! I DIDN'T THINK IT COULD HAPPEN, BUT NOW HIS ARMS WERE AROUND ME...AND THE SOBS THAT SHOOK ME CAME FROM A HEART THAT BRIMMED WITH GRATITUDE!"

OH, MAYBE I'M A FOOL-- BUT I WANT SO MUCH TO BELIEVE YOU, ANGELA-- I LOVE YOU SO MUCH--



OKAY, REGAN! IF I'VE GIVEN HER A CHANCE, I'LL GIVE YOU ONE, TOO! BUT STEP OUT OF LINE ONCE MORE--AND SO HELP ME--



"IT WASN'T HARD TO THRUST DANNY OUT OF MY MIND NOW! THE NEXT TWO WEEKS WERE FILLED WITH HAPPY WEDDING PREPARATIONS, AND I WAS THE GIRL THAT JIM WANTED...GAY, CAREFREE...AS IF I HAD KNOWN NO OTHER LIFE! WE WERE JUST A GUY AND A GIRL...IN LOVE..."

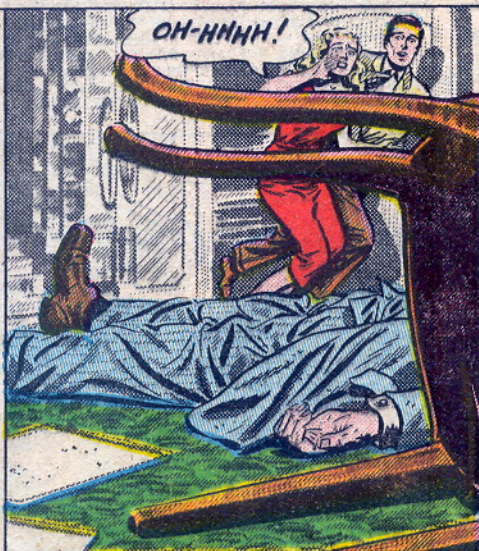
I'VE ALREADY GOT OUT ALL THE INVITATIONS, JIM! WHAT'S NEXT ON THE SCHEDULE?

GOT A SURPRISE FOR YOU! UNCLE FOSTER'S BEEN GOING OVER HIS GEM COLLECTION THE WHOLE MORN- ING, JUST TO PICK OUT THE BEST ONE AS A WEDDING GIFT FOR YOU! LET'S GO UP AND SEE WHAT HE'S SELECTED!



"LIKE A COUPLE OF KIDS, WE RACED UP TO OLD MR. HENDRICKS' ROOM, FILLED WITH THE JOY OF ANTI- CIPATION! BUT BEYOND THE THRESHOLD, THE MOOD CHANGED... CHANGED WITH THE SCREAM THAT TORE AT MY THROAT..."

OH-HHHH!



"NUMBED BY SHOCK AND GATHERING DREAD, I COULD ONLY GRASP THE FACT THAT THE OLD MAN WAS BADLY INJURED... AND THE GEM COLLECTION LOOTED! THEN, WITH THE COMIN' OF THE POLICE, IT HAPPENED...THAT AWFUL THING WHICH I SENSED..."

I'D SAY IT WAS AN INSIDE JOB--AND WHOEVER DID IT TOOK THE OLD MAN FROM THE REAR!

YEAH, AN' I KNOW WHO DID IT! I SAW THAT 'DAME SNEAKIN' OUTA HERE ABOUT AN HOUR ASO! WODDEYA THINK SHE CAME HERE FOR--MARBLES?



HEY, HOW ABOUT THAT, SISTER? LET'S SEE, YOU'RE KIND OF A SECRETARY AROUND HERE, AREN'TCHA? WOTCHA DO BEFORE?

THERE'S NO NEED QUESTIONING HER-- THIS IS RIDICULOUS! TELL YOU WHAT-- IF YOU'RE IN ANY DOUBT, YOU CAN SEARCH HER ROOM!

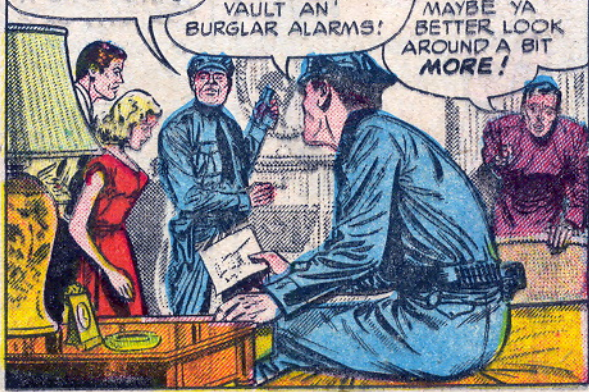


"OH, IF ONLY I COULDA JUNK THROUGH THE FLOOR! IF ONLY A BOLT OF LIGHTNIN' COULDA STRUCK THE HOUSE, AND BURNED THE ROOM TO ASHES! WHAT GOOD WAS INNOCENCE NOW, WHEN I KNEW WHAT A SEARCH WOULD REVEAL? I HADDA STAND BY NOW, JUST WATCHIN' AS..."

WHAT THE--! SINCE WHEN DC SECRETARIES PACK A ROD?

OR DRAW UP PLANS OF THEIR BOSS'S ROOM, COMPLETE WITH VAULT AN' BURGLAR ALARMS!

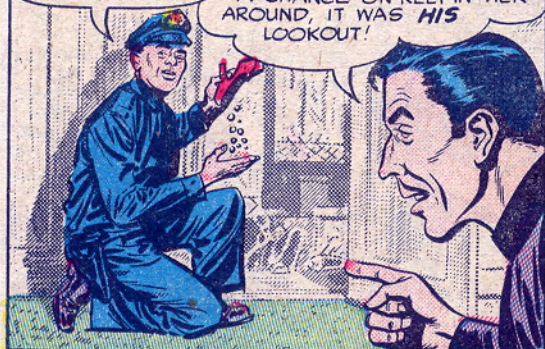
I TOLD YA THE DAME WAS IN THIS UP TO HER EARS! MAYBE YA BETTER LOOK AROUND A BIT MORE!



"SMART BOY, DANNY REGAN... SMART ENOUGH FOR GREED AND REVENGE BOTH! HE WAS GETTIN' EVEN ON ME AND MAKIN' HIMSELF A STAKE! AND IT WAS A CINCH, BECAUSE HE HAD A FALL GUY... ME! HE KNEW WHAT WAS GONNA HAPPEN NEXT..."

IT FIGURED TO BE LIKE THIS! HERE ARE THE JEWELS--SOME OF 'EM, ANYWAY!

I'LL FINISH UP YER CASE FOR YA! SHE'S ANGEL MORELLI-- A JAILBIRD! I TOLD JIM HENDRICKS ABOUT HER-- BUT IF HE WANTED TA TAKE A CHANCE ON KEEPIN' HER AROUND, IT WAS HIS LOOKOUT!



"FUNNY, HOW CALM I WAS AT THAT MOMENT WHEN I KNEW I'D LOST JIM, AND MY LIFE CAME CRASHIN' DOWN AROUND MY EARS! 'DON'T RANT, SUCKER,' I TOLD MYSELF DULLY. 'IT AIN'T GONNA DO YA NO GOOD! YOU TRIED...BUT YOU LOST!' BUT I KNEW HOW IT MUST FEEL TO BE BROKEN ON THE RACK OR BURNED AT THE STAKE...I KNEW IT IN HIS WORDS, HIS LOOK..."

YOU--YOU ROTTEN, SCHEMING JEZEBEL! YOU--YOU MURDERESS! YOU PLAYED ME FOR A FOOL--AND BECAUSE I BELIEVED YOUR FILTHY LIES, MY UNCLE LIES NEAR DEATH! I THOUGHT THERE MIGHT BE SOME GOOD IN A JAILBIRD-- THAT SHE COULD EVEN BE CAPABLE OF ROMANCE-- OH, TAKE HER AWAY! I--I NEVER WANT TO SEE THAT SHE-RAT AGAIN!



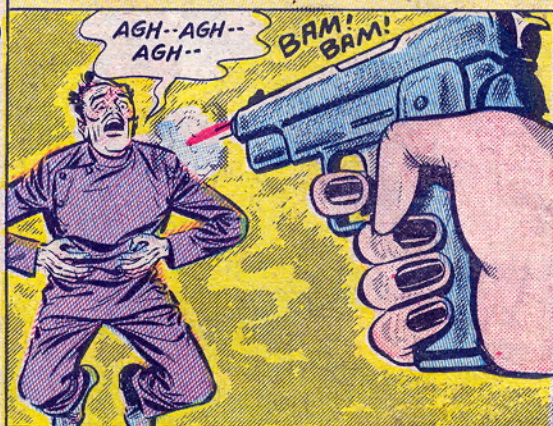
"MURDERESS...JAILBIRD...SHE-RAT! OVER AND OVER THE WORDS BEAT IN MY EARS...HATRED FROM THE VOICE I'D LOVED! THERE WAS ANOTHER VOICE NOW...THE WHININ', ACCUSIN' TONES THAT HAD ROBBED ME OF EVERYTHIN' THAT I HELD PRECIOUS! IT WAS ALL OVER...BUT THERE WAS STILL ONE THING I COULD DO...ONE THING I HAD TO DO..."

I KNEW SOMETHIN' WAS UP WHEN I CAUGHT HER COMIN' OUTA THE OLD MAN'S ROOM! MATTER O' FACT, SHE OFFERED ME A GRAND TA KEEP MY MOUTH SHUT ABOUT IT!

LOOK OUT! SHE'S GOING FOR THAT GUN!



"ALL OF A SUDDEN, IT WAS LIKE TIME WAS SUSPENDED...LIKE EVERYTHIN' WAS HAPPENIN' IN SOME SCREWY KIND OF SLOW MOTION! THERE WAS DANNY, WITH THAT SCARED, GOOFY LOOK ON HIS PUSS, HIS MOUTH OPENIN' AND CLOSIN' LIKE A DOPEY GOLDFISH! AND ME, AIMIN' THE ROD EASY AND CAREFUL, MY FINGER TIGHTENIN', TIGHTENIN' ON THE TRIGGER! THEN... THEN..."

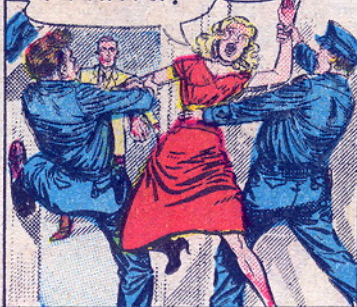


THANK-- THANK HEAVENS I FOUND OUT WHAT SHE WAS IN TIME, OR THAT-- THAT MIGHT HAVE BEEN ME!



"IT WAS DONE...FOR THE LOVE I'D LOST... FOR THE LIFE I'D LOST! AND THE FOOL WHO'D BEEN MY HEART, MY SOUL, MY BLOOD...ALL HE COULD THINK WAS 'JAILBIRD... JAILBIRD... IT MIGHTA HAPPENED TO ME!' IT WAS THEN THAT THE SCREAMIN' MEEEMIES GOT ME..."

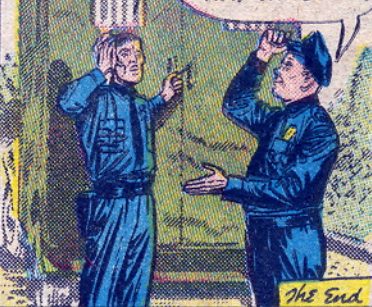
NO, NO--LEMMIE GO, YA BULLS! THIS IS ANGEL MORELLI YA GOT--LEMMIE GO BEFORE I TEAR YA APART!




YA--YA GOTTA LEMME OUT, YA HEAR? YA GOTTA--

WHEW! I NEVER WANNA SEE ANYTHIN' LIKE THAT AGAIN! THOSE HYSTERIC--

NUTS! DON'T GO WASTIN' YOUR TIME SYMPATHIZIN' WITH JAILBIRDS, SON-- THEY'RE BAD ALL THE WAY THROUGH!



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Thanks FOR THE TIP

ED WILLIAMS HAD a hard knot of jealous anger inside him. Maybe he wasn't good enough for Evelyn. All right, maybe he wasn't! But that didn't stop him from hating this new guy, Peter Mann, who had come to work in the plant only a couple of months ago. They were a steady twosome, Pete and Evelyn. She had a special look for him!

"Well, I'm gonna break that up!" Ed thought, his jaw set hard. "I'll throw a monkey wrench into that little romance! Maybe Evelyn can learn to love me. Maybe she'll have to!"

He caught hold of Pete in the smoking room that afternoon. He was friendly, as he offered Pete a light. "Got a date with Evelyn tonight?" he asked.

"Sure have!" Pete's smile lit up his face.

"Look, pal, I might save you a lot of grief. Why don't you ask her about Bob Anderson? Just ask her who Bob is!"

"I'm beginning to think I don't like you, Williams!" Pete's fist tightened so that the knuckles almost burst the skin.

"Save it, kid. I'm doing you a big favor!" Ed flicked the match into an ash tray and strolled off. He had started it...the black thread of suspicion that would eventually choke the romance and kill it!

Peter Mann had determined to forget it, but he couldn't. That name formed a wall between Evelyn and him as he sat next to her in the movies that night. Who was Bob Anderson? What did he mean to Evelyn? It was no use ignoring it. He had to ask her. Evelyn was serving coffee in her living room after the movies when he made the plunge.

"Honey," said Pete. "Who's Bob

Anderson?"

Evelyn's hands trembled as she set the tray down. Suddenly, her face was drained of color. She tried to speak, but no sound came for a few seconds. Her voice was flat and hopeless when she finally spoke.

"Bob worked with me at another place a few years ago," she said. "He told me he loved me and I...I thought I loved him. He was pretty wild and got into some bad scrapes. The worst one was a gambling debt...he'd been betting heavily...and losing. He was desperate when he asked me to... borrow some money from the office funds...about five hundred dollars. Only for a week, he said...and I was the only one who knew. I...took the money on his promise to pay back. Well, he didn't and I was arrested for embezzlement." Her voice was still flat, lifeless. "I got off with a suspended sentence on my promise to repay the money out of my salary. The debt's all paid up. Now you know."

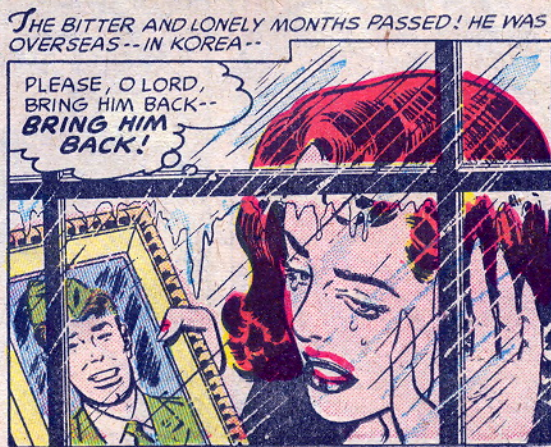
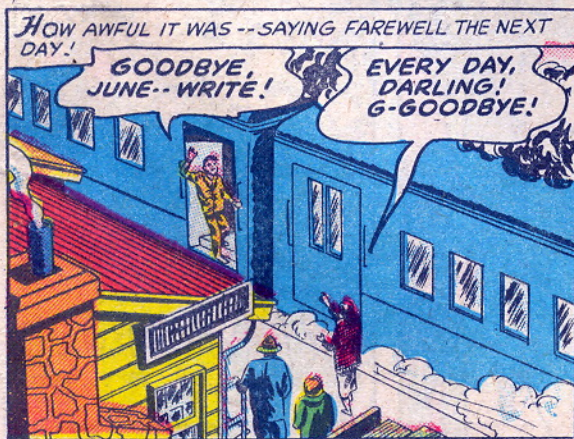
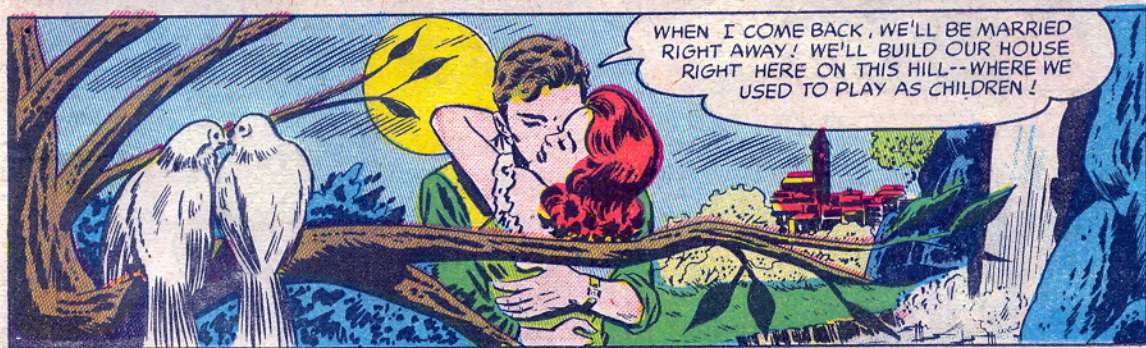
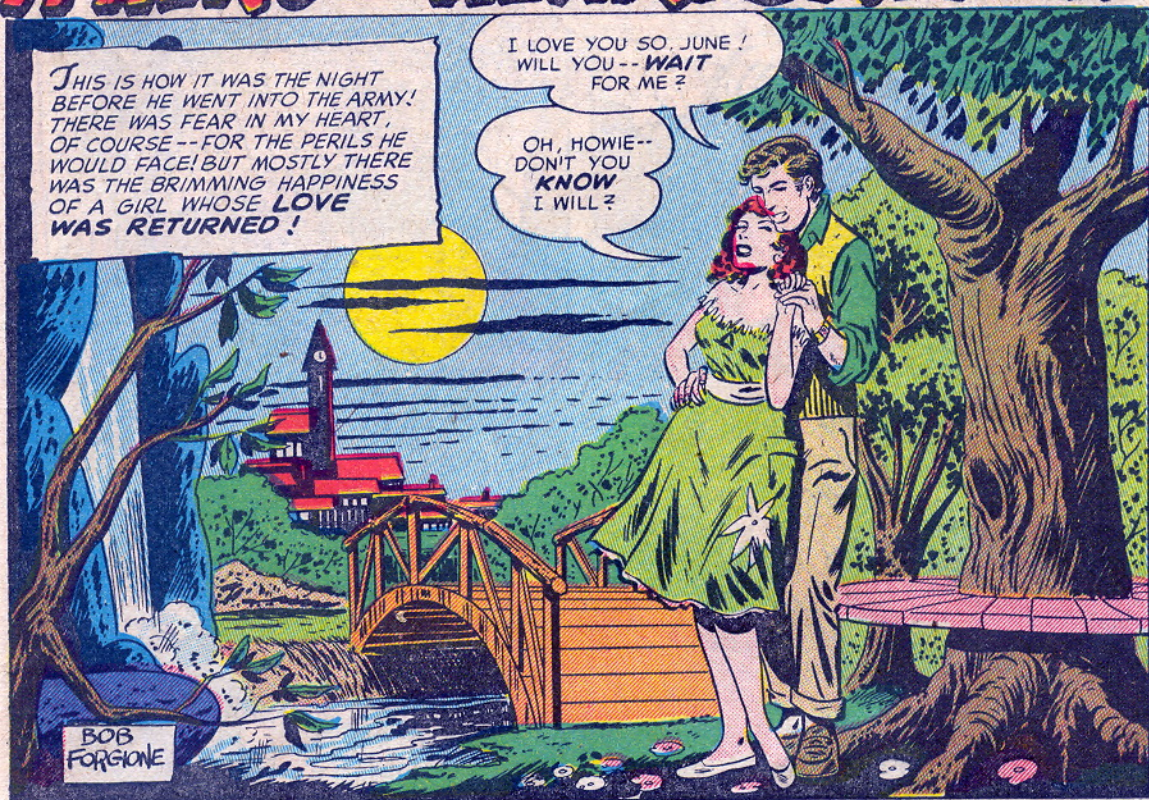
"You poor, wonderful, honest kid!" Pete's arms were around her, his lips brushing her hair, her forehead. "It took guts to tell that story. Don't tell me any more. I love you, darling. Don't cry any more, baby!"

For Evelyn was shaking with heavy sobs, crying at last in the arms of the man she loved.

About a week later, Ed Williams was notified that he had received a night letter. He tore it open...and knew he had lost! It said, "Thanks for the tip, Williams. Your suggestion helped more than you'll ever know!"

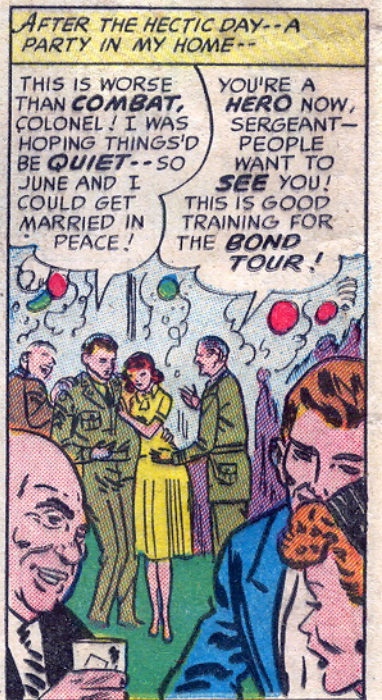
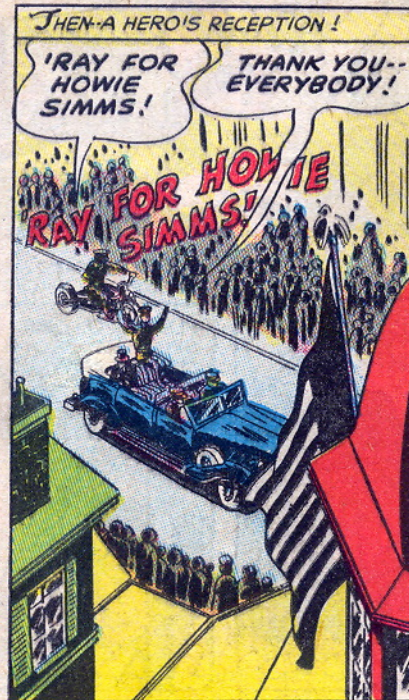
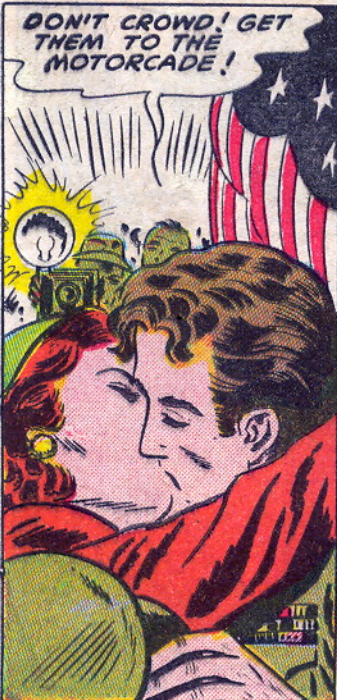
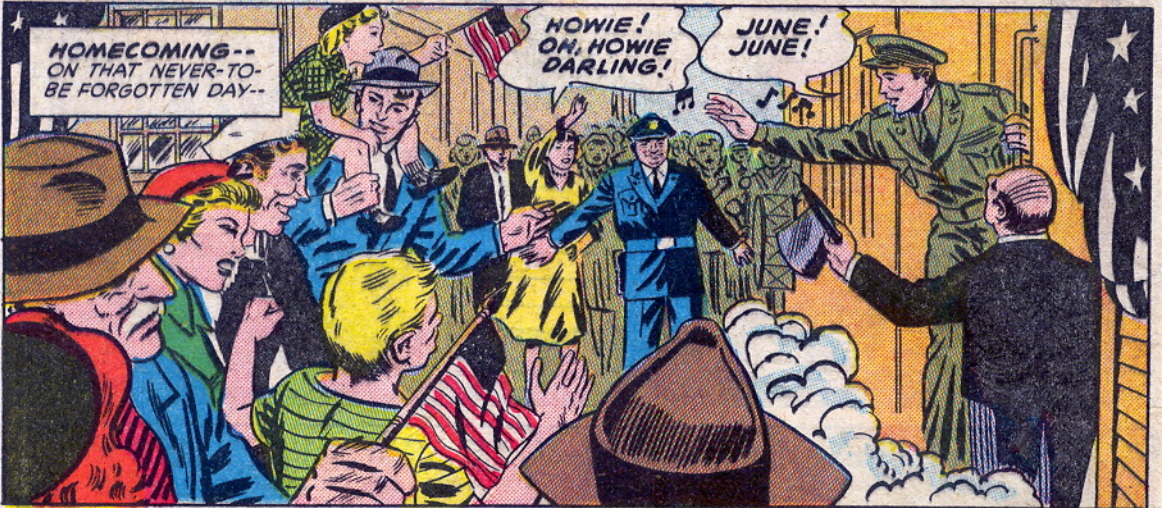
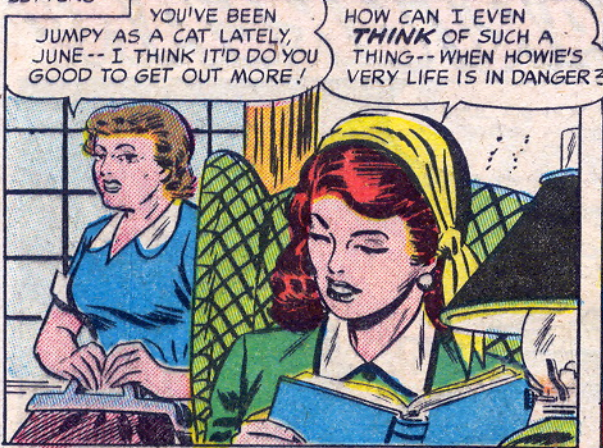
It came from a small countryside place where honeymooners loved to go and was signed "Mr. and Mrs. Peter Mann!"

A HERO *and* HEARTBREAK!



IT WAS AGONY--WAITING FOR THOSE FAR-BETWEEN LETTERS--

I'LL NEVER FORGET THE MORNING, MONTHS LATER, WHEN ALL THE EXCITEMENT STARTED--



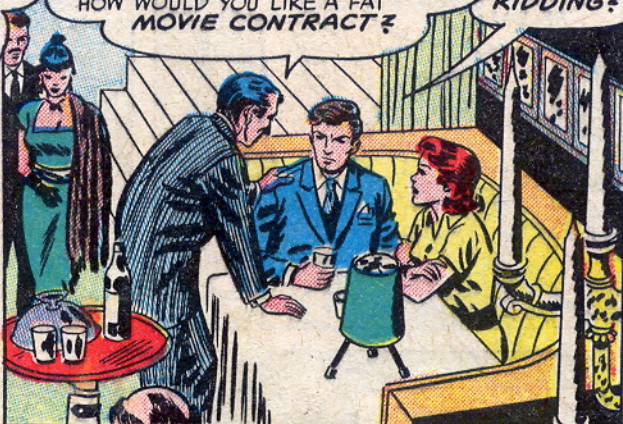
AS A **CELEBRITY**, IT'S YOUR DUTY TO HELP SELL DEFENSE BONDS! WE'VE GOT A NATIONAL TOUR PLANNED-- YOU CAN GET MARRIED **AFTER-WARDS!**

WELL... IF YOU SAY SO! BUT JUNE'S GOT TO COME ALONG-- THIS'LL GIVE US A CHANCE TO SEE THE COUNTRY **TOGETHER!**

THE NEXT WEEKS WERE A DIZZING WHIRL! IT WAS IN NEW YORK THAT THE CLOUD ON MY HORIZON FIRST APPEARED--

I'M **PHILIP COPELY**--OF **TRANSWORLD FILMS!** SERGEANT, HOW WOULD YOU LIKE A FAT **MOVIE CONTRACT?**

HUH? ARE YOU **KIDDING?**



UH-UH! YOU'VE GOT THE LOOKS, THE GLAMOR-- AND THE **BUILD-UP!** WE'RE OFFERING YOU **\$50,000** TO SIGN UP WITH US!

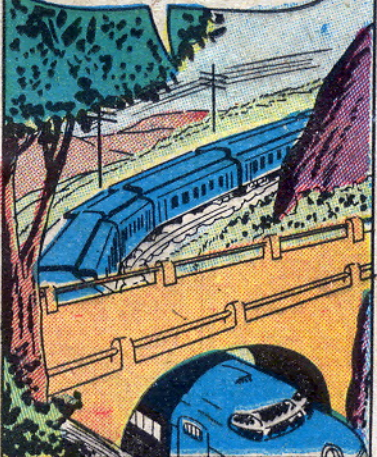
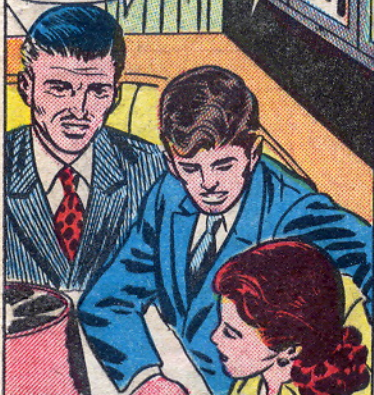
\$50,000? JUNE, WITH THAT WE CAN BUY OUR HOUSE AND LIVE LIKE **KINGS!**

I-I DON'T KNOW, HOWIE! THERE'S ONLY ONE THING I WANT-- TO GO HOME, GET MARRIED AND START RAISING A FAMILY!

IT'D BE **INSANITY** TO TURN DOWN AN EASY FORTUNE! BETTER MAKE UP YOUR MIND-- **FAST!**

AND SO-- CALIFORNIA-BOUND!

C'MON, HONEY--BRIGHTEN UP! AS SOON AS WE GET TO HOLLYWOOD--WE'RE **GETTING MARRIED!**



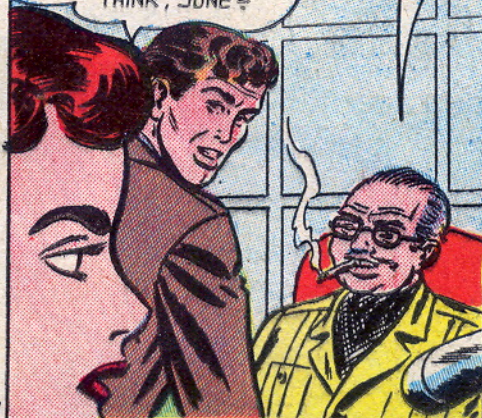
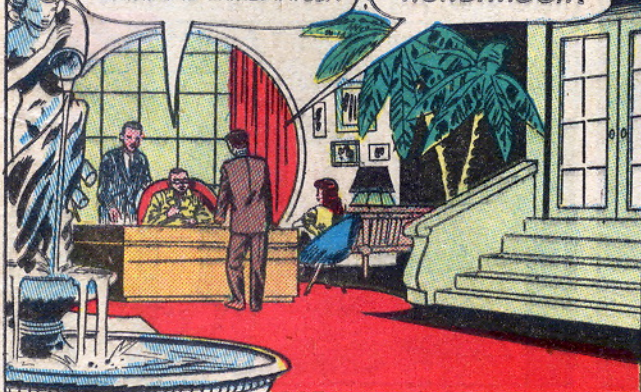
BUT IN HOLLYWOOD--MORE RECEPTIONS, MORE INTERVIEWS! AND FOR THREE DAYS--**SCREEN TESTS!**

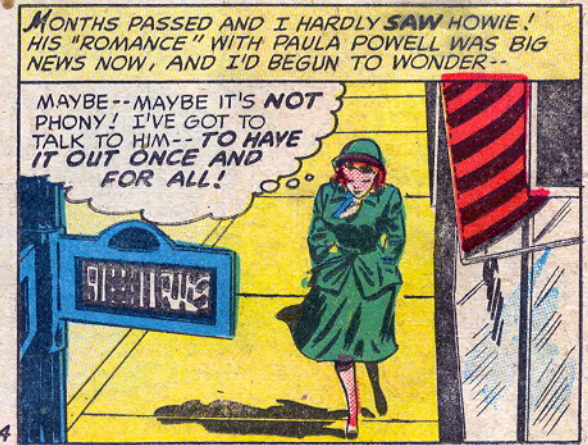
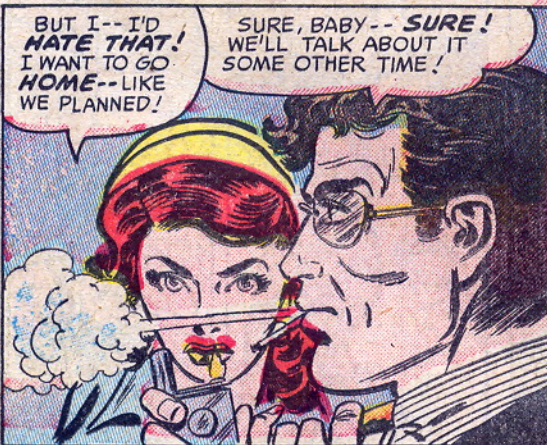
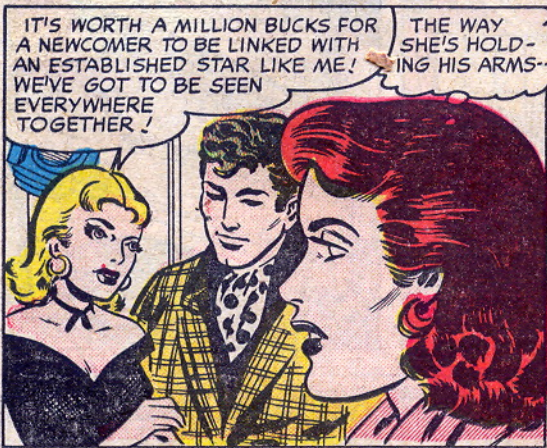
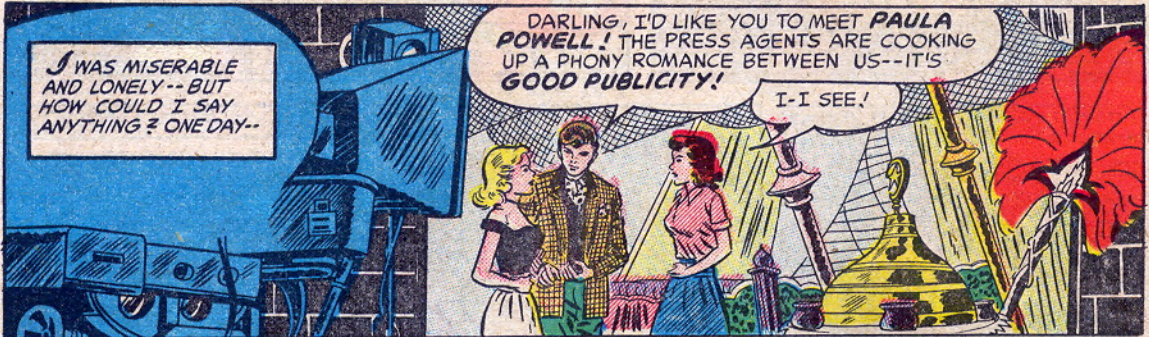
THE TESTS WERE **GREAT**, SIMMS-- WE CAN PUT YOU BEFORE THE CAMERAS IMMEDIATELY!

SORRY, SIR-- BUT I NEED TWO WEEKS RIGHT AWAY FOR A **HONEYMOON!**

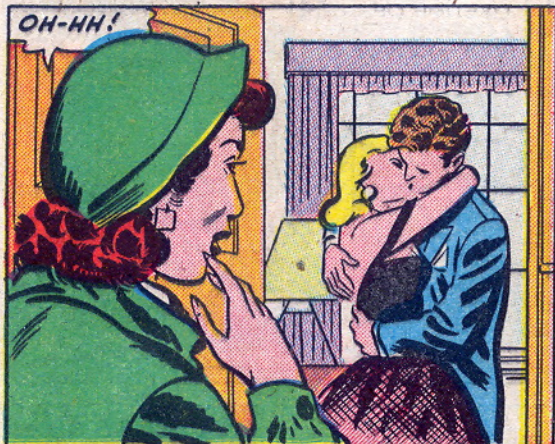
ABSURD, SIMMS! YOU CAN'T GET MARRIED NOW--IT'D BE **TERRIBLE PUBLICITY!** YOU'D LOSE YOUR **APPEAL!**

I-I DON'T KNOW WHAT TO SAY! WHAT DO YOU THINK, JUNE?



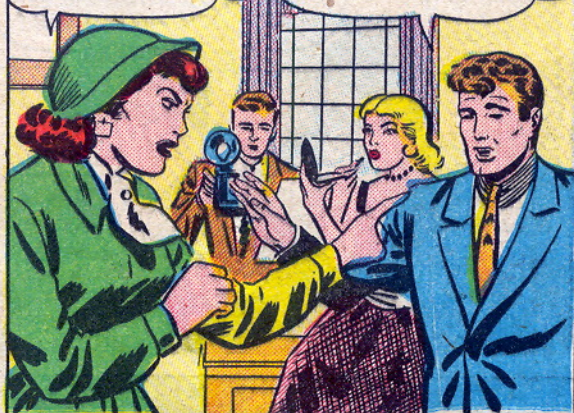


I DECIDED TO GO TO HIS HOTEL AND WAIT FOR HIM! BUT WHEN I OPENED THE DOOR--



HOW COULD YOU?
YOU--YOU'RE NOTHING
BETTER THAN--

SIMMER DOWN, HONEY--
WHAT'S WRONG? YOU'VE
RUINED THE POSE!



THAT'S RIGHT, LADY--
THESE ARE **PUBLICITY**
PHOTOS!

I-SEE! WOULD YOU ALL
MIND **LEAVING**--I
WANT TO SPEAK TO
HOWARD ALONE!



THAT WAS
RUDE, JUNE--
YOU SHOULD
APOLOGIZE
TO PAULA!

AFTER THE WAY SHE'S BEEN
PATRONIZING ME AND
MONOPOLIZING YOU? I'M
STILL YOUR **FIANCEE**, YOU
KNOW--OR HAS SHE MADE YOU
FORGET THAT?



SHE DOESN'T
MEAN A **THING**
TO ME! YOU'RE
ACTING LIKE
A **CHILD!**

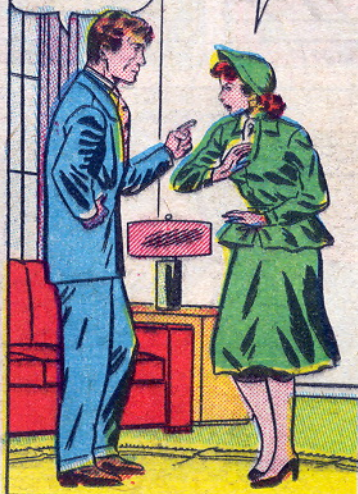
AM I? YOU
DON'T HAVE TIME
FOR **ME** ANYMORE
--YOU'RE ALWAYS
WITH **HER**, AND
YOU **LIKE** IT---
JUST AS YOU
ENJOY THE
ROLE OF A
BIG SHOT!

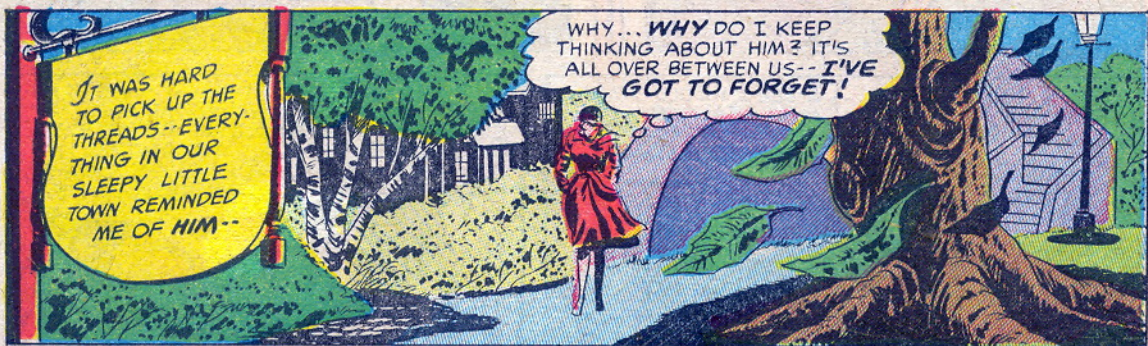
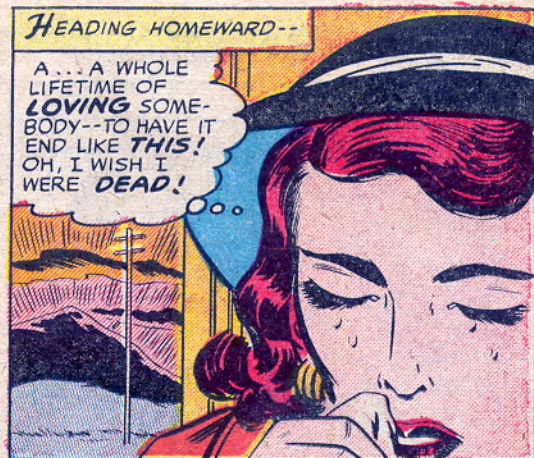
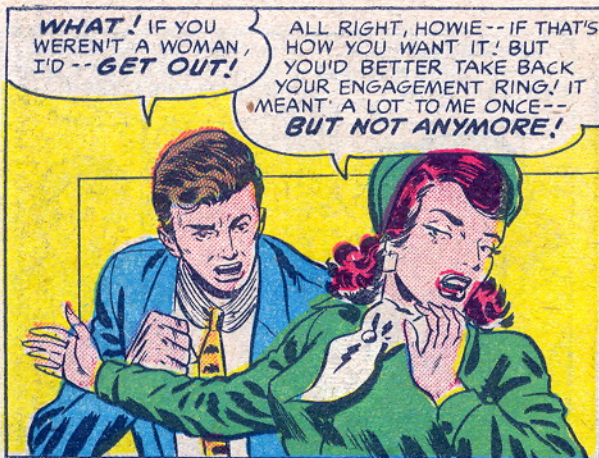
IS THAT SO?
IT COULDN'T
BE THAT
YOU'RE A
LITTLE
JEALOUS
OF MY
SUCCESS,
COULD IT?

OH! YOU
YOU **HAVE**
CHANGED, HOWIE!
ALL YOU THINK
ABOUT IS
MONEY--AND
POPULARITY!

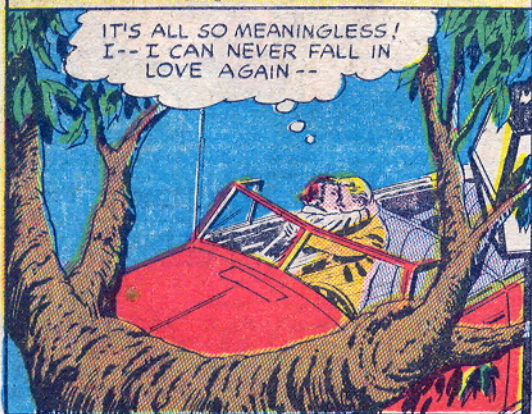
YOU MEAN
YOU DON'T
LIKE BEING
ON THE **SIDE-**
LINES WHILE I'M
IN THE **LIMELIGHT!**

THAT'S NOT TRUE!
OH, HOWIE, DON'T
YOU REALIZE WHAT'S
HAPPENING TO
YOU? YOU
SHOULD
NEVER HAVE
USED YOUR
CONGRESSIONAL
MEDAL TO PUT
MONEY IN YOUR
POCKETS! THAT WAS
WRONG!

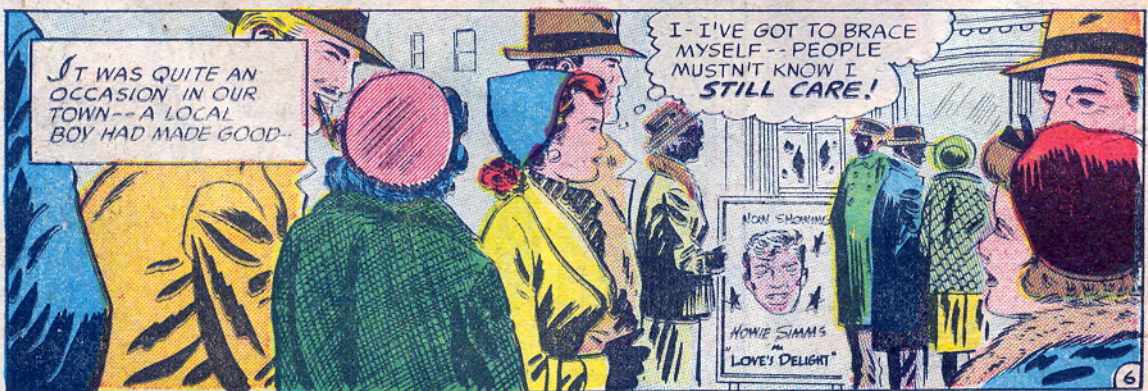
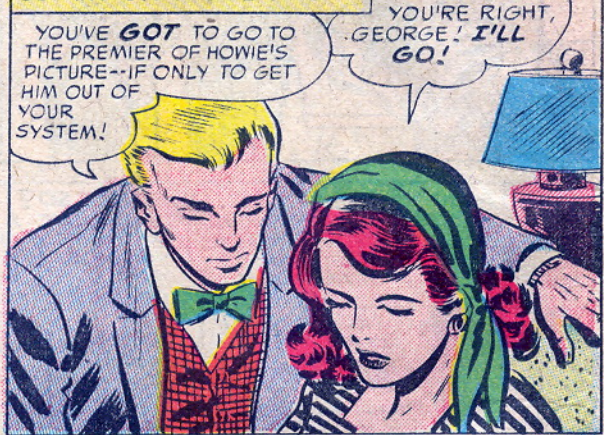




THAT WAS WHY I STARTED GOING OUT AGAIN-- EVEN LET MYSELF BE KISSED-- I JUST DIDN'T CARE!



SOMEHOW, TIME PASSED! I THOUGHT I WAS GETTING OVER HOWIE UNTIL--



I COULD HAVE STOOD THE PICTURE--BUT NOT THAT
AWFUL NEWSREEL!

CELEBRITIES IN THE NEWS!
IN HOLLYWOOD, THEY'RE
SAYING THAT PAULA
POWELL AND HOWARD
SIMMS WILL SOON BE
MAN AND WIFE--

OH, NO--
NO!



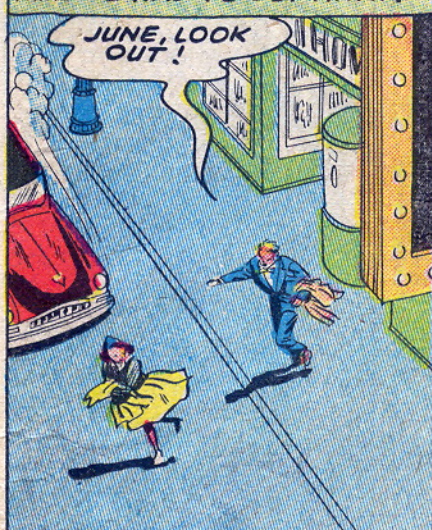
I-I'M SORRY, GEORGE--
I CAN'T STAY! PLEASE,
LET ME OUT!

BUT--BUT
JUNE--



HYSTERIA HIT ME AS I REACHED
THE STREET! I KNEW BUT ONE
THING-- I HAD TO GET AWAY!

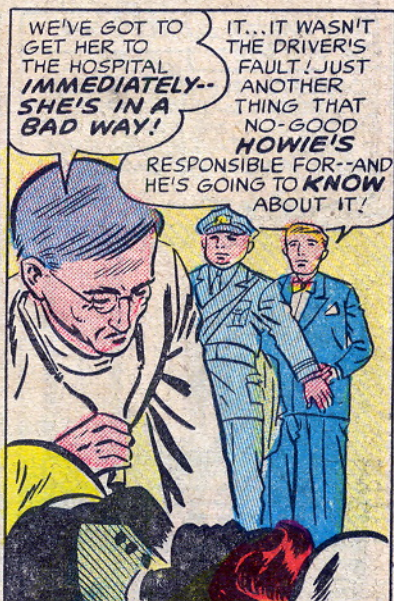
JUNE, LOOK
OUT!



WE'VE GOT TO
GET HER TO
THE HOSPITAL
IMMEDIATELY--
SHE'S IN A
BAD WAY!

IT...IT WASN'T
THE DRIVER'S
FAULT! JUST
ANOTHER
THING THAT
NO-GOOD
HOWIE'S

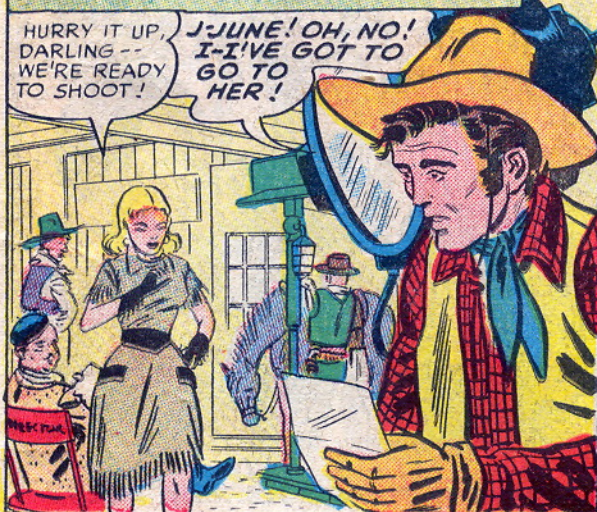
RESPONSIBLE FOR--AND
HE'S GOING TO KNOW
ABOUT IT!



HOWIE GOT THE TELEGRAM ON LOCATION--

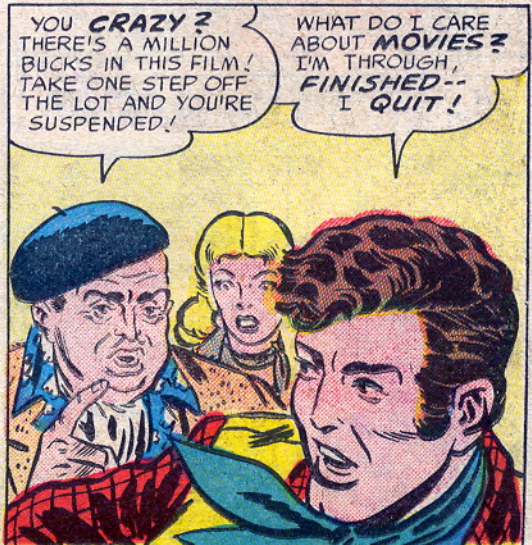
HURRY IT UP,
DARLING--
WE'RE READY
TO SHOOT!

J-JUNE! OH, NO!
I-I'VE GOT TO
GO TO
HER!



YOU **CRAZY**?
THERE'S A MILLION
BUCKS IN THIS FILM!
TAKE ONE STEP OFF
THE LOT AND YOU'RE
SUSPENDED!

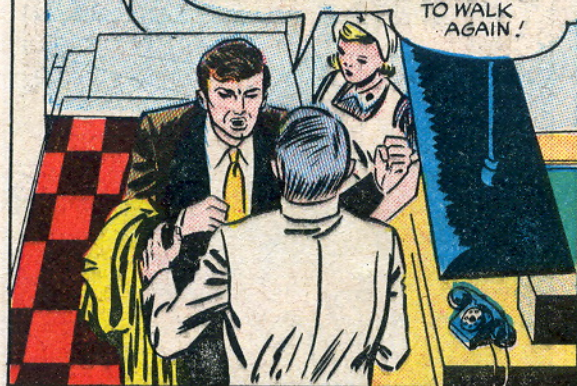
WHAT DO I CARE
ABOUT **MOVIES**?
I'M THROUGH--
FINISHED--
I QUIT!



THE PLANE WAS SWIFT! AT THE HOSPITAL--

I'VE GOT TO SEE HER!

SHE'S BEEN CALLING FOR YOU, HOWARD--ALL THROUGH HER DELIRIUM! WE'RE GOING TO OPERATE--AND IF SHE LIVES, WE'RE HOPING SHE'LL BE ABLE TO WALK AGAIN!



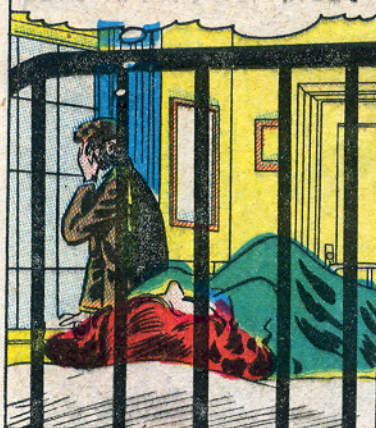
YOU... YOU MEAN SHE'S A--CRIPPLE?

AS OF THIS MOMENT--YES! I'LL TAKE YOU TO HER NOW-- SHE'S UNCONSCIOUS--



TIME PASSES SLOWLY WHEN ONE SUFFERS--

WHAT A COMPLETE, BLUNDERING IDIOT I'VE BEEN! LIFE DOESN'T MEAN ANYTHING TO ME WITHOUT HER! O LORD, PLEASE, GIVE US BOTH ANOTHER CHANCE!



H-HOWIE? IS IT-- REALLY YOU?

YES, MY DARLING-- AND I'LL NEVER LEAVE YOU AGAIN!



PLEASE, PLEASE SAY YOU FORGIVE ME--AND GET WELL, SWEETHEART, SO WE CAN BE MARRIED!

OH, YES, HOWIE, YES! EVERYTHING'S GOING TO BE ALL RIGHT NOW--IT'S GOT TO BE!

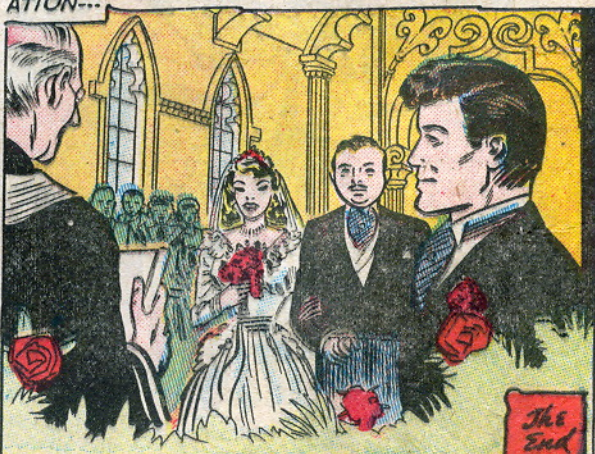


CAN ONE DESCRIBE ECSTASY? IN HIS ARMS I FELT NONE OF THE PAIN WHICH TORMENTED ME-- ONLY DELIRIOUS JOY!

OUR WEDDING WAS A BIG OCCASION IN TOWN-- PEOPLE ARE STILL TALKING! AS FOR THAT OPERATION--

THE OPERATING ROOM IS READY, JUNE!

JUST ONE MORE KISS-- JUST ONE MORE!



8 WELL, I FAIRLY FLOATED DOWN THE AISLE!

The End

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BEAUTY *and* BRAINS

LYNN'S MIND AND heart were made up. She was in love, terribly, completely in love. How many girls would have given everything to be in love as Lynn Martin was...and to be as beautiful as Lynn?

She wondered about this a bit wistfully. There were times when she hated her beauty, for while it attracted John Howard and made him proud of her in a certain way, it served as a barrier between them.

"You're too pretty to think about serious things," John would say, chucking her under the chin. Or "Don't worry your gorgeous red head about my little problems, beautiful!"

"But I want to worry about them, John!" Lynn would insist. "I know you've been worried about the way things are going and..."

It was no use. Although he was wonderful, John was like other men in that he refused to believe that a girl with porcelain skin, slanting hazel eyes and red silk for hair could possibly have brains. It wasn't funny or flattering to Lynn. John never really talked to her. Even his plans for a great housing development, the plans he had worked on for three years, were guarded closely by him. Even on this night, such an important night for him, he pretended to joke about it, to be casual.

"You look wonderful, Lynn," he said, helping her into a cab. "If anyone can impress Mr. Thomas Neal, you can!"

"Isn't that Mr. Neal of the City Housing Committee?" she asked.

"My, you *do* pick up an occasional fact, don't you?" he smiled. "Well, don't try to talk business with Mr. Neal, honey. Just entertain his wife, while I try to convince Mr. Neal of a few things!"

Mr. and Mrs. Neal arrived at the restaurant a few minutes late, so that Lynn had enough time to work out the the situation in her mind. No wonder

John looked taut! Here was his chance to get his ideas across, to put his drawn plans into stone and concrete! He must convince Mr. Neal!

But Lynn could see, although the dinner was going pleasantly enough, that John was having a hard time explaining his ideas to Mr. Neal. He was too tense, too anxious, poor darling! Mr. Neal was beginning to look a bit bored. His attention wandered away from John and came back only for brief seconds. And John, becoming more and more desperate, was pushing too hard.

Then the waiter interrupted. "Mr. John Howard? Phone call for you! You may take it out in the lounge, sir."

His face darkened impatiently. Every minute away from Mr. Neal was a loss. "Excuse me," he said, "I'll be right back."

John was gone three minutes. Lynn timed his absence as she turned her beautiful profile towards Mr. Neal and said, "I knew a man of your caliber would recognize the merit of John's plans! What thrills me most about them is..."

When John returned, Mr. Neal had difficulty in taking his eyes off Lynn and focusing them on John again. "Well, well, well," he boomed heartily, "you certainly picked a convincing saleswoman in Miss Lynn Martin, my boy! She's told me more about your plans than you have! How about coming to my office tomorrow and telling me more about your space and light ideas?"

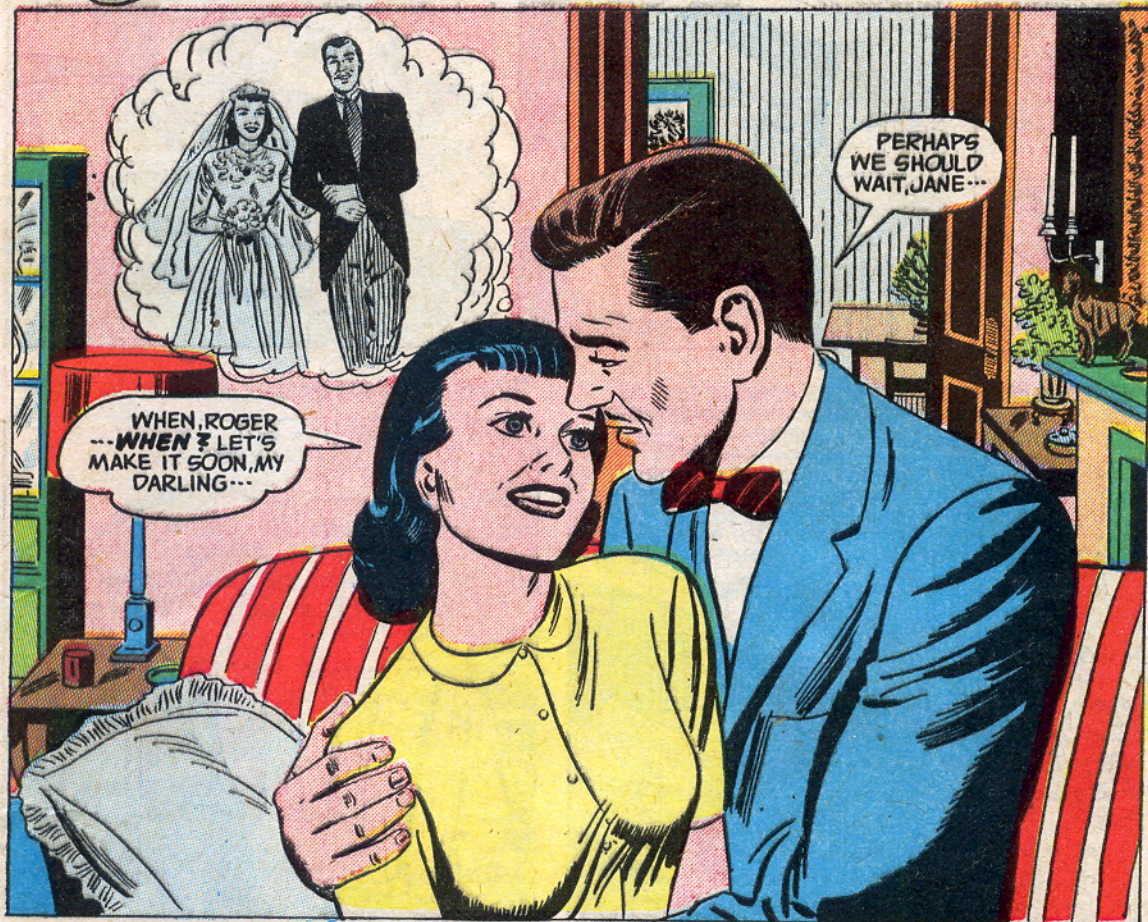
John couldn't wait to get Lynn alone. In the cab, driving home, he said huskily, "What an idiot I've been, Lynn. You...you're so wonderful and I've been so stupid! So arrogant and sure of myself! I could kick myself for my blindness!"

"What a lot of wasted energy!" Lynn smiled. "You could kiss me, instead!"

The taxi meter clicked on...three dollars' worth!

I WAS FLOATING ON A CLOUD IN A WARM, PINK WONDERLAND! THE ARMS OF ROGER SLOANE WERE ABOUT ME! AND HALF-FORGOTTEN, IN THE DEEPEST RECESS OF MY MIND, WAS THE STARK, BLACK FACT THAT...

I LIED for LOVE!



HE WAS STRANGE AND EVASIVE, NOT AT ALL LIKE HIMSELF! AND THE REASON SEEMED CLEAR WHEN THE DOOR FLUNG OPEN, AND...



WIFE... THE WORD STRUCK LIKE A THUNDER-CLAP! BUT IT WASN'T TRUE! IT WAS ALL SOME HORRIBLE JOKE... IT HAD TO BE!



BUT HE DIDN'T SAY ANYTHING...AND THE WAY HE AVOIDED MY GAZE TOLD ME IT WAS TRUE! MY WONDERWORLD VANISHED THEN, AND A WORLD OF SCALDING TEARS REPLACED IT AS I FLED!



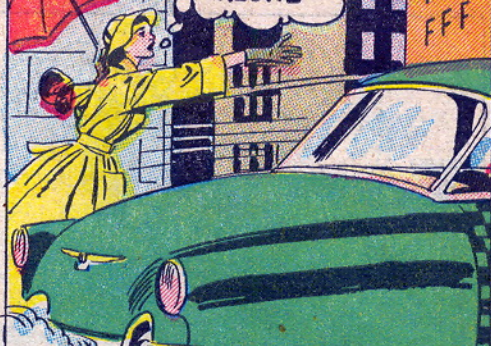
BUT I COULD BLAME ONLY MYSELF...

I DESERVED...NO BETTER! HOW COULD I HAVE EXPECTED ANYTHING ELSE WHEN...I LIED FOR LOVE?



PARK AVENUE...ONCE THE HEIGHT OF MY TINSELLED HOPES...WAS ONLY ANOTHER RAIN-SPLASHED STREET NOW! AWAITING A CAB. I COULD SEE THE DISTANT TENEMENTS...

I COULD HAVE FACED THEM...FACED ANYTHING WITH YOU, ROGER...BUT ALONE...



GROWING UP THERE IN THE CITY'S POOREST SECTION HADN'T BEEN EASY! AND THE FASCINATION SOCIETY PAGES HELD FOR ME HAD ONLY MADE IT WORSE...

"AMONG THE CITY'S VISITORS FOR THE TENNIS FINALS WERE THE PROMINENT TONY DREXELLS OF NASSAU AND PALM SPRINGS..."



BUT OUR VISITORS WEREN'T INTERESTED IN TENNIS...

THE RENT...I'VE GOT TO HAVE IT! IT'S OVER-DUE AGAIN!



THERE WAS MOM, OLD BEFORE HER TIME, UNCOMPLAINING...

MY LIFE IS A GOOD LIFE, JANE! I HAVE LOVE...REAL LOVE...

BUT IT'S NOT ENOUGH, MOM!

I GUESS IT WAS THEN I'D MADE MY DECISION...

THIS WILL NEVER BE MY LIFE! I'LL DO ANYTHING TO ESCAPE IT... ANYTHING!



AND, FOR ME, 'ANYTHING' MEANT MARRIAGE FOR MONEY! I DATED FELLOWS FROM THE OFFICE WHERE I WORKED, BUT...

YOU'RE COLD, JANE! SAFEGUARDING YOUR HEART?

I'M SORRY, BUT... YES!



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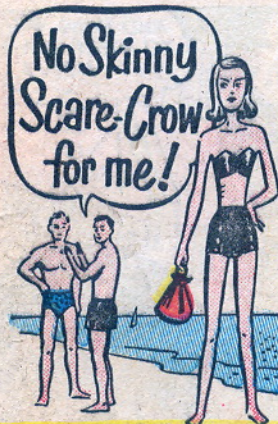
SKINNY

MEN ARE OFTEN ASHAMED TO STRIP FOR SPORTS OR FOR A SWIM!

GIRLS ARE NOT ALLURING AND DON'T HAVE EYE-CATCHING CURVES!

CHILDREN WHO WON'T EAT AND ARE UNDERWEIGHT, OFTEN CALLED SKINNY!

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SKINNY
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SENT ON APPROVAL—MAKE AMAZING 10-DAY TEST

AND I CONTINUED TO GUARD IT AS I WORKED AND SAVED UNTIL, AT LAST, I HAD MONEY ENOUGH FOR ONE GREAT GAMBLE...



WHERE BETTER TO FIND THE MAN WHO COULD GIVE ME THE THINGS I'D ALWAYS DREAMED OF?

POVERTY AND TENEMENTS...THEY'LL BE ONLY WORDS...TO HIM!



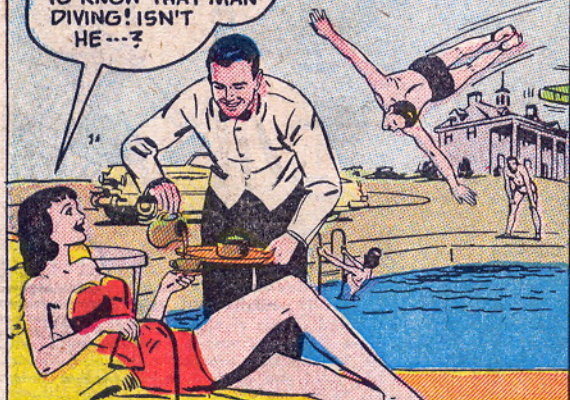
MY LIE WAS SO EASY...JUST A RUMOR TO REMOVE THE TAIN OF ADVENTURESS FROM MYSELF...

THAT'S JANE MANNERS...ABOARD SHIP, SHE MENTIONED A FAMILY IN BROKER AGE! THAT'D BE MANNERS ASSOCIATES, I GUESS...FABULOUSLY SUCCESSFUL FIRM!



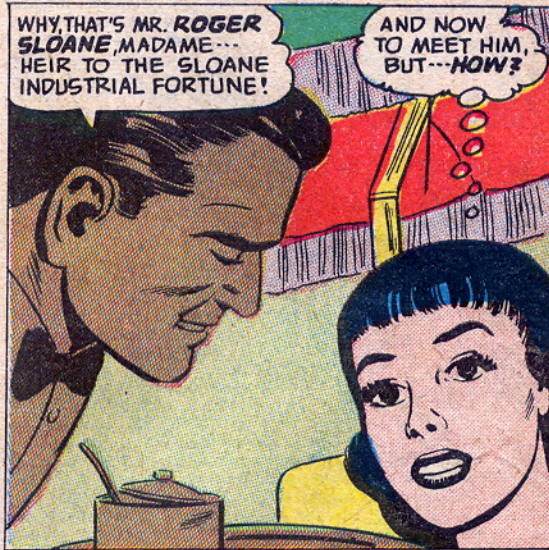
THERE, AT GAY, GLITTERING CANNES, I FIRST SAW ROGER! HE WAS SUAVE AND HANDSOME...THE TYPE ANY GIRL MIGHT READILY LOVE! BUT IT WASN'T LOVE I SEARCHED FOR!

WAITER, I SEEM TO KNOW THAT MAN DIVING! ISN'T HE...?



WHY, THAT'S MR. ROGER SLOANE, MADAME... HEIR TO THE SLOANE INDUSTRIAL FORTUNE!

AND NOW TO MEET HIM, BUT...HOW?



BUT BEFORE I HAD TIME TO PLAN IT, IT WAS ACCOMPLISHED...BY SHEER LUCK!

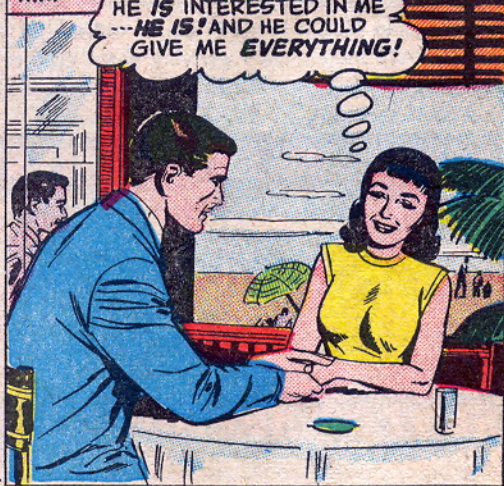
MY FEE FOR DELIVERING FORGOTTEN BELONGINGS IS HIGH, MISS MANNERS... USUALLY A LUNCH!

OUTRAGEOUS... I WON'T PAY IT! NOT BEFORE THREE...ON THE TERRACE, MR. SLOANE!

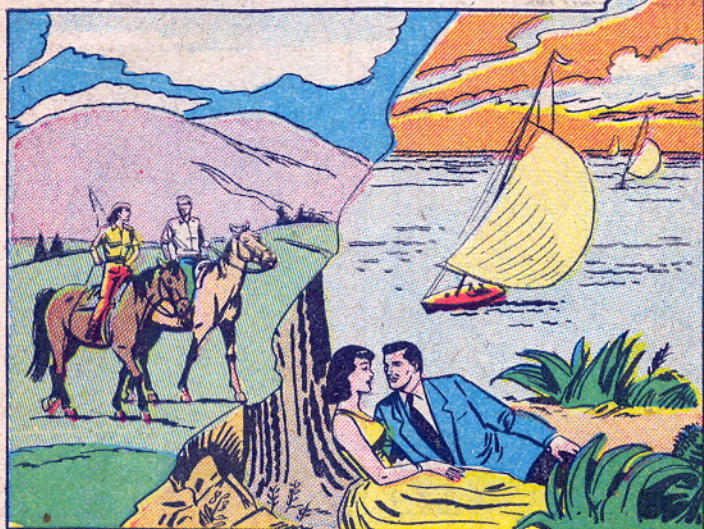


THAT WAS THE BEGINNING! HE WAS KIND AND CONSIDERATE...WITH NO SNOBBISHNESS TO HIM...

HE IS INTERESTED IN ME...HE IS! AND HE COULD GIVE ME EVERYTHING!



THE DAYS THAT FOLLOWED WERE SHEER DELIGHT...



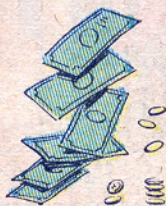
AND THE NIGHTS WERE HEAVEN...



HIS FLOWERS WERE EVER AT MY DOOR, BUT ON ONE OCCASION...



BUT I WAS CHANGING... I'D SENSED IT FOR DAYS! MONEY AND ALL THE THINGS I'D ALWAYS WANTED NO LONGER SEEMED IMPORTANT NOW! ONLY ROGER WAS IMPORTANT! AND IN THE ECSTASY OF HIS KISSES...



...I REALIZED THAT I WAS DEEPLY, HELPLESSLY IN LOVE!



BUT MY LIE HUNG HEAVY ON MY HEART! I WANTED TO TELL ROGER THAT I WAS NO BROKER'S DAUGHTER... THAT I DIDN'T "BELONG"! BUT IT NEVER WAS SAID... FOR EACH TIME I TRIED TO TELL HIM...



TAXI!

SO WE'D COME HOME... TO MARRIAGE, I THOUGHT! BUT INSTEAD THERE WAS HIS WIFE... AND HEARTBREAK!

AND NOW I WOULD TAKE THE ACHING PIECES OF MY HEART HOME TO THE EAST SIDE'S TENEMENTS... WHERE I DID BELONG! BUT FIRST...

THE BRACELET!

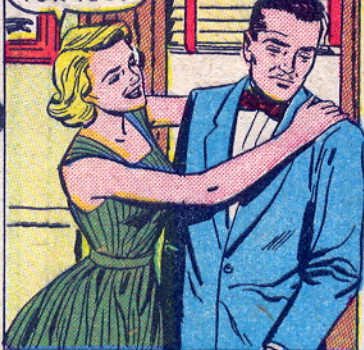
I'LL GIVE IT BACK TO HIM... OR TO HIS WIFE! IT SHOULD BE HERS, ANYWAY!



THE DOOR OF HIS APARTMENT
WAS AJAR AS I APPROACHED IT...



WELL, ROGER
...DIDN'T I DO
MY JOB WELL?
YOU SHOULD BE
GLAD YOU
HIRED ME FOR
THAT LITTLE
MASQUERADE
I PUT ON
FOR YOU!

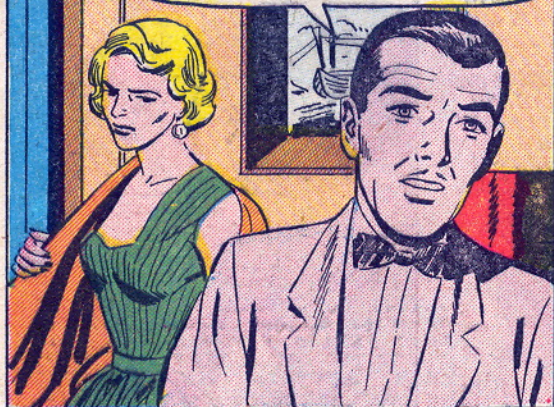


GLAD? SHE
WAS THE ONLY
GIRL FOR ME,
SYLVIA...THERE'LL
NEVER BE ANY-
ONE ELSE!
I'LL PAY YOU
NOW...

LIFE'S JUST ONE PAY-OFF
AFTER ANOTHER! FIRST, THE
WAITER AT CANNES WHOM
I BRIBED TO LIE ABOUT ME
BEING AN *HEIR*! AND NOW
YOU, SYLVIA, FOR SOLVING
THE PROBLEM I COULDN'T
DEAL WITH MYSELF...



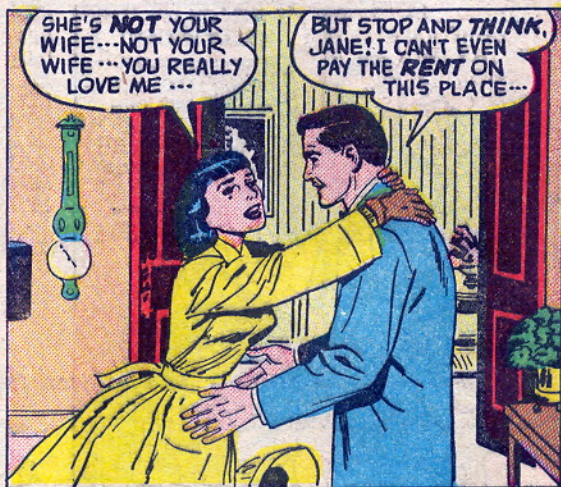
HOW COULD I TELL HER I'M
REALLY A *PAUPER*? IT'S BETTER
THIS WAY! SHE'LL GUARD HER HEART
...NOT GIVE IT TO THE NEXT FORTUNE-
HUNTER THAT COMES ALONG...EVEN
ONE WHO *LOVES* HER, LIKE I DO!



I DIDN'T WAIT TO HEAR MORE! MY HEART WAS BEATING
A RAPTUREOUS REFRAIN AS I SURGED INTO THE ROOM...

SHE'S *NOT* YOUR
WIFE...NOT YOUR
WIFE...YOU REALLY
LOVE ME...

BUT STOP AND *THINK*,
JANE! I CAN'T EVEN
PAY THE *RENT* ON
THIS PLACE...

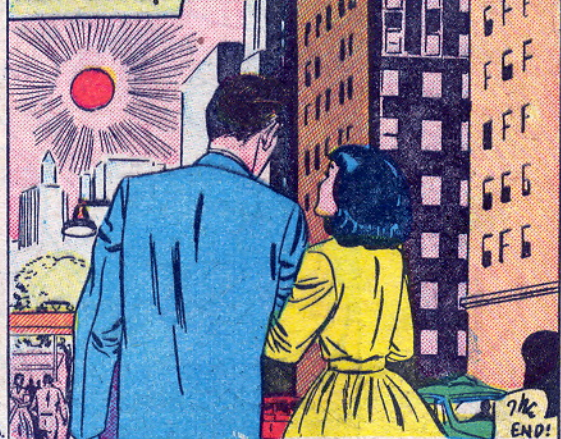


I PAID THAT RENT FOR ROGER! YOU'LL NEVER
GUESS WHAT I DID IT WITH...

A *BRACELET*!



EVEN IN THE LOOMING SUN, NOW, PARK AVENUE IS JUST
ANOTHER STREET! WE MAY COME BACK TO IT SOME DAY,
BUT IT DOESN'T MATTER! FOR EVEN IN THE CITY'S
POOREST SECTION WE'LL HAVE ALL WE NEED...
REAL LOVE!



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names on a piece of paper and enclose
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shirts. The first names and teams that I want
on my shirts are as follows: (Please PRINT)

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.....	First Name	Size	Team
.....	First Name	Size	Team
Send my shirts to: (Please Print)			
NAME.....			
ADDRESS.....			
CITY.....			

Beauty Writer Tells How To **CLEAR UP PIMPLES AND BLACKHEADS BY SATURDAY NIGHT***

Skin Specialists Report On Amazing New Medical Discovery For Pimples, Blackheads, Whiteheads And Other Blemishes! *By Starting Seven Days Beforehand You May Have a Clear Blemish-Free Complexion For Saturday Night Or Your Money Back!

by Jennifer Turner

Here is the most exciting news you've ever read if you're embarrassed by pimples, blackheads or other blemishes. No longer need anybody miss out on fun and excitement... romance... popularity... dates... even social and business success... because their faces are clouded by blemishes.



Medical science has made amazing advances during the past years. It has found out how to cure many of our most serious diseases. Now there is a new discovery that clears up pimples, blackheads and other blemishes... even in cases where everything else has failed.

Any doctor will tell you that to be clear and blemish-free, the skin on your face must be free from germs and dirt. But today's air is full of soot and fine dust particles that settle on your face and get into your open pores. These impurities can make your pores larger. Blackheads begin to form. When these become infected you suffer the embarrassment of pimples and other blemishes and neglecting your face. Doing nothing about these conditions, only makes your skin troubles worse.

Now, thanks to a scientist's remarkable discovery, you can end forever your embarrassment of an ugly, blemish

marked face and restore the confidence you have when your complexion is clear. The name of this discovery is Clorpactin WCS-50. They use it in hospitals to clear up blemishes. All you do is rub the solution on your face. Where you have blemishes, spots, lines or shadows, rub a little harder. As you apply the clear solution to your face it immediately starts to penetrate through your tiny skin openings. You feel nothing except a cool, pleasant sensation. No messy cream... no thick pastes... nothing unpleasant of any kind. The solution actually seeps down inside your pores, no matter how caked and clogged they are. It helps loosen the dirt, the powder, the soot that has collected. Gently it helps tighten your pores. This starts to slowly force out the matter collected there. What's more, as soon as you apply the solution to your face it instantly kills every trace of skin bacteria and germs on the surface. Even more important, as it seeps down into your pores it also kills germs and bacteria *underneath your skin surface*. If you have pimples it destroys the germs inside that keep them alive so the pimples can dry up.

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from doing damage. Unlike most creams that permit your blemishes, shadows, dark spots to show through, this cream covers them completely. It blends perfectly with skin tones. Your embarrassment and humiliation stop instantly when you apply it.

You can go to work... to a dance... a date... with new self confidence. And while the cream is concealing your blemishes... remember, the CLEAROXIN solution works underneath and your pimples, blackheads and other blemishes start to clear up within 5 days. In 7 days they should be gone completely. This simple, easy, pleasant treatment once a day of the CLEAROXIN solution plus the cream has worked for so many other people, it stands to reason it will work for you. The solution has already been written up in medical journals.

Your druggist can get CLEAROXIN for you. The cost is only \$1.25 for the regular size and only \$1.95 for the large size... only a few cents a day to get rid of skin blemishes! Or just mail \$1.25 or \$1.95 with your name and address to Jennifer Turner, Dept. AR-7, 400 Madison Avenue, New York, N. Y.

CLEAROXIN will be mailed direct to your home. Sorry, no C.O.D's. After you have used CLEAROXIN if you are not delighted for any reason, your money will be immediately refunded. So don't needlessly suffer the embarrassment of skin blemishes when you don't have to. Remember CLEAROXIN with Clorpactin WCS-50 has cleared up blemishes in case after case, even when everything else failed. So don't fool with old fashioned products that simply "cover" your trouble. Make sure you use the new medical discovery that *really* works. Send for your CLEAROXIN treatment today.



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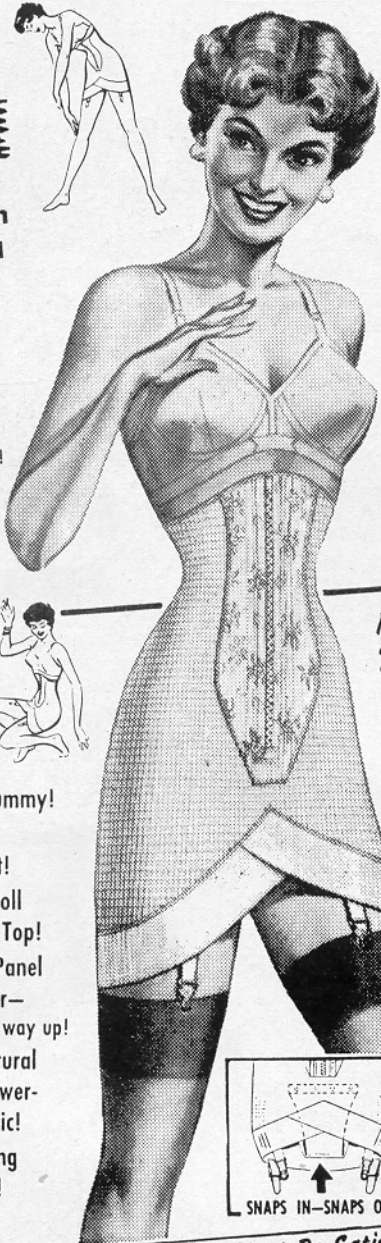
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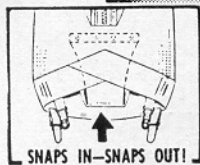
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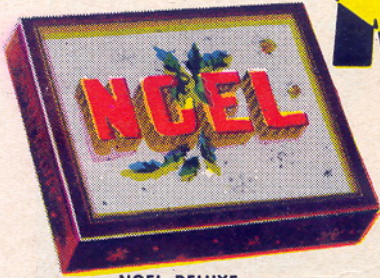
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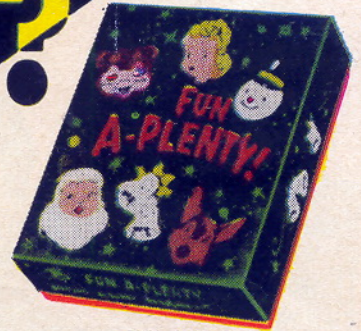
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